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Holding on to Strawberry Field

COUNCILLORS AGREE TO RETAIN LAND AND WAIT FOR SPORTING OPPORTUNITY TO ARISE

By Francesca Evans
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THE town council has agreed to retain the Strawberry Field in Lyme Regis and wait until an appropriate sporting or recreational use for the site is put forward, as it does not have the resources to develop the land iteself.

The council entered a 999-year lease for the Strawberry Field, owned by Lyme Regis residents Cliff and Caroline Powley, in 2001 with the proviso that the land would be used for sporting and recreational purposes only, and as a park and ride to serve the town.

The field was considered as a new site for Lyme Regis Football Club but planning objections from across the border in Uplyme meant this idea was dropped and the site has since been used for sheep grazing and for a pitch and putt, operated by Lyme Regis Golf Club.

Councillors considered their options for the future of the Strawberry Field at last week's Strategy and Policy Committee meeting. A report by town clerk John Wright said councillors could either sell the lease on, approach an independent leisure provider with regards to developing the site, do nothing until circumstances change or develop it themselves for sporting and recreational purposes, which he pointed out would require financial resources and staff time "beyond the capacity of this council".

Freeholder Mr Powley attended the meeting and told councillors they had shown "certain arrogance" in not consulting him in their recent discussions over Strawberry Field.

Referring to the council's recent failed attempt to create allotments on the site, which Mr Powley objected to, he continued: "It appears no lessons have been learnt from the allotment fiasco when this council wasted a lot of money.

"The reason I sold you the lease was to preserve the use of sporting and recreational use, as well as providing a park and ride facility on a hard standing area. Instead of taking the park and ride forward this area has been used as a dumping ground for all sorts of materials, including plastics, something which encourages the possibility of flytipping.

Not tolerated

"Another area is regularly used for burning rubbish. If a private individual did this, the authorities would be down on them like a tonne of bricks.

"Clearly these uses are not defined in the lease and will not be tolerated in the future. The lease is specific and does not even include agricultural use, which technically does not even allow sheep grazing. This is something, as freeholder, I'm willing to allow but if this lease goes up for sale it must be made clear to any potential buyer."

Referring to Lyme Regis Development Trust's plans for a Jurassic Coast field studies centre on the site, Mr Powley added: "The site was recently considered for a field studies centre. This is something which would have received my favourable consideration. Had this been carried forward it would have been of great benefit to the town in many ways. The buildings would have only taken up a small amount of the site leaving the rest to be developed for sporting facilities at no financial cost to the town.

"One of the options being considered tonight is the sale of the lease. If this is a recommendation, I'm aware of interested parties who would consider the purchase in order to preserve sporting use, in particular football facilities which are desperately needed and deserved by this town."

David Sole, a former Uplyme parish councillor who strongly opposed plans for a new football club at Strawberry Field, said: "I and many in Uplyme were appalled particularly at the idea of a multi-use floddlit games area.

"Many of you probably don't know the ins and outs of the discussions that went on at the time, but any proposal you have please bear in mind what happened before; the very strong opposition from West Dorset District Council planning officers, Uplyme Parish Council and many members of the parish who voiced their disapproval.

"Please be realistic if you have any discussions about sporting facilities there. If you are realistic you may well get a fair hearing from

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Fossil Festival draws in crowds

■ **WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE: Crowds flock around Horace the Travelling Pliosaur Cinema, which was full for every show during its last appearance at the annual Lyme Regis Fossil Festival. This year's event, themed Citizen Science, was a huge hit with the festival marquee packed for three days. A variety of fossil-theme activities and displays were inside, including from the Natural History Museum.** *See page 7*

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TRACY Stagg was born in Gosport, Hampshire, and was variously a wages clerk, an optician's receptionist and a bookmaker's clerk. S he married, had a son and moved to Weymouth in 1987, working as a clerk at Ladbrokes before she came to the current CLIC Sargent charity shop as deputy manager in 1994. She has been manager since 2008.

WHY do you live on Portland?
I just love it there. I think it is the best place in the world, wonderful. Every time I go home from work, Portland seems a bit different when I arrive back.

Where do you go for your holidays?
My husband and I usually try to take a break in Devon or Cornwall. That is our favourite part of the country. It is lovely down there.

WHAT is your favourite time of the year?
I love the spring. The emerging growth, all the flowers. I love flowers and everyone is so cheerful to see the sun again.

WHAT is your favourite film?
Any Harry Potter film. I really love them all because it is pure escapism and good triumphing over evil.

What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?
My son having cancer. He was eight when he got it, he is clear now and 32 years old, but it still makes me cry now to think of what happened.

IF YOU could live your life again what would you do differently?
I would go to university. I don't know what I would do there, but I have always wanted a better education.

WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?
I would invite Jesus because I am a committed Christian and I would invite the author Ken Follett because I read a lot and he is my favourite author.
The third person I would invite would be Richard Branson because he thinks outside the box and he has some great ideas.

WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?
I would buy a nice new house on Portland, have a wonderful holiday visiting relatives in America and I would make a big donation to charity.

WHAT do you hope the future holds?
Better health for me because I have arthritis and a better world for everyone.

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Trust reports difficult year and 'funding crisis'

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LYME Regis Development Trust, which has secured around £1million for various projects in the town over the past 10 years, has experienced a "diffcult year" and a funding crisis at LymeNet, its community learning centre arm, members were told at their annual meeting.

Former chief executive Marcus Dixon, now working just one day a week as a consultant for the trust, said the UK's "straitened economy" had meant that funding for the trust's projects and activities had been increasingly hard to obtain.

But Mr Dixon, who is now working as a marketing manager for a solar energy company, as is his wife Diana, who also worked for the trust, was still upbeat about the future of the organisation.

"We have pursued our objectives with tenacity and believe that we have continued to have a positive effect on the community's economic and social wellbeing," he said.

One of the projects hit by the financial climate was the proposed Jurassic Coast Studies Centre, originally planned for land in Sidmouth Road but the subject of discussions with Lyme Regis Town Council about the posibility of it being sited on the Strawberry Field, which is earmarked for leisure and recreation use.

Mr Dixon said no funding commitments were volunteered during 2013 and, as a result, the trust was putting the project on hold until the economic climate allowed positive progress to be made.

Mr Dixon referred to the success of the 2013 Fossil Festival which attracted 15,000 people to the town, paying tribute to director Kimberey Clarke and helpers who organised the event in partnership with the Jurassic Coast World Heritage team and Lyme Regis Museum .

The meeting heard that LRDT had piloted the UK's largest community owned WiFi network at the Fossil Festival, which attracted widespread interest and led to the award of development funding from the Adventure Capital Fund, establishing Digital Lyme as a permanent WiFi infrastructure project.

Mr Dixon said: "Digital Lyme is the first stage in giving visitors and local people access to high speed internet services along the seafront and increasingly in other parts of the town popular with visitors. A trial period from late October to early 2014 showed that the network was viable and attracted considerable usage, primarily from visitors. Further development and roll-out of Digital Lyme is planned."

Reporting on LymeNet, Mr Dixon said they were sorry to lose manager Lucy Campbell during 2013 after five years building a range of services much appreciated by local people. Peter Jeffs had joined as manager in June and was faced with a funding crisis due to the impending cessation of Big Lottery support from April 2014. A member of staff and some volunteers had left and Mr Jeffs had pared down the services offered to match the funding available.

He continued to seek additional funding as the trust was determined to keep LymeNet, the town council's crucial contributions enabling continuation at a basic level.

During 2013, 190 individuals received career advice at LymeNet, there were 120 learners and 4, 000 visits to St Michael's Business Centre, approximately 50 per cent being from Lyme residents.

Mr Dixon reported that The Hub youth club, owned by the trust, had gone from strength to strength during the year thanks to the enthusiasm of staff and helpers, financial help from a number of sources and, above all, the involvement of many local young people.

The venue was used regularly by the youth club run by the County Youth Service with great support from James Ward Rice, the youth worker in charge. Other users included B Sharp, the majorettes and the Ammonite Acrobatic Gym Club.

The trust's annual report concluded by confirming that in 2013 Mr Dixon had moved to a marketing role in a local solar energy company after 10 years as chief executive, during which time he had made "an incomparable contribution to the life of the town, initiating the Fossil Festival, the SureStart Children's Centre, leading the rescue of The Hub, starting the Town Mill bridge project, guiding the purchase of the Town Mill Malthouse, founding the gig club and led many other initiatives, always displaying his hallmark characteristics of vision and enthusiasm."

Mr Dixon was continuing as development consultant one day a week to help the trust with its new ventures. In order to save funds, the trustees had decided to rationalise operations between LRDT and LymeNet, and Peter Jeffs was leading this as the new overall chief executive.

Trust chairman Wendy Davies paid tribute to Mr Dixon's work which, she said, had resulted in securing around £1million in funding for local projects.

Mrs Davies said: "He has enabled the town to work together to deliver a wide range of beneficial projects and along the way he has brought into the local economy somewhere around £1million in grant funding.

"If anyone thinks getting funds is easy, you haven't tried it; it takes eons of time, patience, resilience, and perseverance, all of which Marcus has demonstrated in spades, alongside his uniquely inspirational visions of what life could offer if only we dared. Although he has exhausted many volunteers and staff along the way, he has taught us all that a small town cannot only aim for the stars but if we all work together, we can actually reach them."

Affordable flats to go on the market

AN IMPOSING three storey block of flats in Monmouth Street which provides affordable housing for local people is to be put on the market.

Monmouth House, opposite George's Square, contains four single and one two-bedroom flats administered by Lyme Regis Development Trust.

The flats were transferred to the Development Trust by the Monmouth House Trust, together with a capital sum for a planned major refurbishment.

It is understood that the tenants of the flats have been given notice to quit.

Development Trust chairman Wendy Davies said: "Over the last four to five years since the building was transferred to us from the Monmouth House Trust, we have worked extremely hard to improve the fabric of and conditions within the building but have now reluctantly concluded that we are fighting a loosing battle to keep it watertight and make it fit for purpose.

"Our intention is for any such assets resulting from a sale to be directed towards easily-maintained, sustainable affordable housing that better meets modern standards."

New tenant for ice cream parlour

TOWN councillors have selected a new short-term tenant for the ice cream parlour on Lyme Regis seafront.

An extraordinary full council meeting was called on Tuesday of last week to allow councillors to consider bids for the concession.

The Happy Cupcake Company was the successful applicant and will be allowed to operate the Cart Road ice cream parlour for the 2014 season.

Deputy town clerk Mark Tredwin said: "An extraordinary meeting of the full council was held on April 29 at which tenders for the 2014 season were considered in respect of the ice cream parlour on the Cart Road.

"In total, three tenders were considered and the successful tenderer was the Happy Cupcake Company, who have been given authority to run an ice cream parlour until 10 November 2014.

"They applied to sell, alongside the stipulated products, sandwiches and this was agreed to.

"The council wishes them a successful season on the seafront."

A long-term lease for the concession will be put out to tender separately and is expected to operate from March 2015.

No financial details were revealed about the temporary concession.

The previous lease holders of the ice-cream parlour, known as Rinky Tinks, were forced to leave the Cart Road premises due to rent and rate arrears totalling around £24,000.

The decision to call in the bailiffs was strongly criticised in the town and lease holder Lucinda Cliff attended a council meeting to tell councillors that they had been put under financial pressure by three "appaling" summers of bad weather and that she thought the council had been "short sighted" in not working with them to solve their problems.

At the time she said: "The town council are legally right but morally I don't think they are. It's sad for Lyme Regis."

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A DUCK race on Bank Holiday Monday raised £200 for Lyme Regis Christmas Lights Committee. The race was started on Windsor Terrace by chairman of the committee, Christine Lovell, and town crier Alan Vian. Members of Lyme Regis lifeboat crew ushered the ducks to the finishing line at Jordan Flats, where cash prizes were handed out. Winners were Lisa Allen in first, Gary Dell in second, Judith Green in third and the last duck home belonged to Pete Chapman.

Free children's activities at MillFest

THE Town Mill in Lyme Regis will be hosting MillFest this weekend to celebrate National Mills Day, including a series of free children's activities and storytelling sessions

Watermills and windmills all over the country open their doors to welcome visitors for the weekend on National Mill Day, so the Town Mill, which is already open to visitors all year round, is holding special events to mark the occasion.

As well as free entry to mill there will be free children's activity sessions on Saturday, May 10th from 11am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3pm. Kids can have fun making mud sculptures, dream catchers, bug hotels, bird feeders or working with willow, salt dough, natural paints and materials.

Run by Dedley Adventure Days, children aged 8 to 12 years can be left unsupervised during the activities although parental supervision is required for younger children.

There will also be two free children's storytelling workshops on Saturday from 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm when Ant Ravenwood will read "The Breathing Wheel"; and on Sunday, May 11th from 11am to 1pm when local author and artist Carolyn King will read "The Fish Lizard of Lyme".

This leaves parents free to enjoy a tour of the Town Mill, to explore the courtyard's artisan shops and galleries or taste some local beer, cheese or coffee at the the Town Mill Brewery, Town Mill Cheesemonger and Mill Café.

New volunteers are always welcome at Town Mill to mill flour, work in the shop, help with the garden, fundraise or to run events. For more information or to volunteer, call 01297 443579 or email info@townmill.org.uk

Golf day for Candles on the Cobb

THE annual Candles on the Cobb golf day will be held on Wednesday, May 28th at Lyme Regis Golf Club.

The 18-hole tournament will be held from 9am with individual and team competitions. Prizes will be awarded for the overall winner, individual winners, nearest to the pin and longest drive and team competition for teams for three.

Entry costs £25 for non-golf club members and £10 for members, which includes a breakfast on arrival and donation to Candles on the Cobb.

For entry forms contact the golf club on 01297 442963 (choose option 5) or email admin@lymeregisgolfclub.co.uk

Following the tournament, a barbecue and live music from Delta Tango 7 will be held at the Nag's Head in Lyme Regis, thanks to landlords Rob and Debbie Hamon. Tickets for this cost £5 and are available from the Nag's Head or contact Mike Higgs on 07870 240 650 or Les Herbert on 07568 168 194.

Money raised will go towards the unique Candles on the Cobb event, next to be held in August 2015, which raises thousands for local and national charities and is next year to be filmed from the air for the first time.

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Travellers take up Bank Holiday spaces in Holmbush

■ MOVING IN: Travellers' vehicles in Holmbush car park ahead of the busy bank Holiday weekend

TRAVELLERS moved into Holmbush car park in Lyme Regis on Thursday evening, taking up between 30 and 40 spaces ahead of the busy Bank Holiday weekend.

Six caravans and eight vehicles took up space at the Pine Walk end of the West Dorset-owned car park, adding to local concerns over the town's usual parking problems on the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Cobb Gate car park was closed over the weekend to allow for space for the Fossil Festival, part of Monmouth Beach car park was closed for national waterskiing races and half of Charmouth Road car park is still being used as the depot for Phase IV of the coastal protection works.

West Dorset District Council's gypsy and traveller liason officer, Paula Clover, visited the site on Friday afternoon to carry out a needs audit. This takes into account the welfare needs of the travellers, such as whether any of them are pregnant. Notices were then placed on the vehicles ordering them to leave by Sunday, May 4th. West Dorset said that if they had not left by this date, legal action would be taken.

PC Kirsti Ball said: "Due to the fact that the travellers are on West Dorset District Council car park, there is very little the police can do. We have been monitoring the situation and, at this time, we have not had to get involved in any dealings with them.

"Unless any crime is committed, we are leaving it under the control of West Dorset, who are also monitoring the situation."

The travellers moved on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon.

Keeping Lyme beaches clean

AS part of the 26th annual Great Dorset Beach Clean, a number of volunteers turned out in force in rainy conditions last Sunday morning and collected dozens of bags of rubbish from Monmouth Beach after the battering by recent storms.

Among those volunteering was county and district councillor Daryl Turner and a group of Lyme Regis Rotarians.

All the rubbish collectors were provided with gloves and bags which were left by the slipway for collection by West Dorset District Council.

Volunteers were grateful for a piping hot cup and tea and coffee when thee finished, donated by Lyme Regis Sandwich Bar.

News in a nutshell...

Rotary Club backs gymnasts

THE Rotary Club of Lyme Regis has made a donation of £100 towards helping two Lyme Regis gymnasts cover the costs of competing in the prestigious Winti Cup event in Switzerland this month.

The gymnasts train with the Honiton Gymnastic Club.

Rotary president Guy Hayden said: "We helped two gymnasts last year and they did very well indeed. It is a great honour to be able to take part in such a high profile competition.

"Success at this level is very hard to achieve and it is also very expensive, so we are glad we can help these two athletes in some small way. We wish them well in the competition."

Re-stock garden at plant sale

KEEN gardeners are urged to arrive early for the spring plant sale and coffee morning organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society for Saturday, May 10th, from 9.30am to 11.30am at Uplyme Village Hall.

This popular annual event is a chance to re-stock gardens for summer with all kinds of bedding plants, beans, courgettes, tomatoes and sweet peas, as well as perennials and shrubs. Also on sale will be home-baked produce, jams, preserves and vegetables.

Entrance costs £1. Those who would like to donate plants can do so from 8am on the morning of the eventl. For further details please ring Brian Cursley 07831 533 580.

Shanty singers need new voices

LYME Regis Shanty Singers are welcoming new voices to their rousing chorus.

All are invited to join the group in the learning and performing songs of the sea, old and new, to raise money for the Lyme Regis Gig Club and local Atlantic Challenge Sea Rowing Clubs.

No previous singing experience is necessary and all our songs are taught by musical director Penny Dunscombe without the need for written music. The group performs six to eight times a year supporting the launch of boats, regattas, Lifeboat Week and other events.

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Sun shines on 'real community event'

■ TRADITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT: St Michael's students dance around the maypole. Below, Christine Lovell, Pat Stamp and Judith Pothecary of the Christmas Lights Committee

By Francesca Evans
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SUNNY weather brought crowds of residents to the annual May Day Fete in Lyme Regis on Sunday afternoon.

The traditional event was held in the Anning Road playing field, organised by Lyme Regis Regatta and Carnival Committee.

A total of 18 stalls were set up around the field, raising funds for a number of local causes including the Christmas Lights Committee, RNLI, Royal Voluntary Service, Lyme Regis Majorettes, Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club, Lyme Regis Operatic Society, St Michael's Primary School, Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society, the Skatepark Fundraising Committee and a new committee raising funds to improve the play park on Anning Road.

Other activities included face painting, a bouncy castle and children's fairground ride with entertainment including maypole dancing from children at St Michael's Primary School and displays from Lyme Regis Majorettes and Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club.

The fete was officially opened by the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Sally Holman, accompanied by Mayoress Jane Whittington, who welcomed an estimated crowd of 700.

Teresa Evemy, chairman of the Regatta and Carnival Committee, said: "It was a lovely afternoon meeting everyone after the winter. It was a real community event with families enjoying the sunshine and the entertainment together.

"The sun shone throughout helping us to enjoy the special atmosphere of this occasion and the young people who performed were brilliant as always.

"The afternoon was expertly compared by Andy Brown, a member of the Regatta and Carnival Committee, and organisations reported a steady trade throughout the afternoon – it is expected that over £1,000 will have been raised. "The Regatta and Carnival Committee is also grateful for the support of the town council staff in the preparation for this event."

■ RAISING FUNDS: Volunteers of the newly formed fundraising committee for improvements to the play park and, below, Lyme Regis Majorettes run a tombola

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Fossil Festival full to the brim with visitors

By Francesca Evans
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THE popular Lyme Regis Fossil Festival returned this weekend with another packed marquee of exhibitions and activities taking over Cobb Gate.

This year's festival was themed "Citizen Science" and started with a secondary schools day based at Thomas Hardye School in Dorchester, followed by a primary schools day in the Lyme Regis marquee on Friday.

The festival was then opened to the general public and the marquee absolutely packed over the weekend, with science and geology-themed activities for the whole family and displays by various science organisations, including the Natural History Museum.

Local fossil collectors also sold their own collections, while fossil-theme theatre was held at the Marine Theatre, talks at The Hub youth club and Lyme Regis Museum also held additional activities and fossil walks.

Festival director Kimberley Clarke said it had been a "great festival" and organisers were already brimming with ideas for next year.

Among the highlights she listed science enthusiast Robin Ince and "Relatively Speaking" by the Tangram Theatre Company, both at the Marine Theatre; FatCat Theatre's plesio-puppets on Marine Parade and the popular Horace the Travelling Pliosaur Cinema, which was making its last appearance at the festival and was packed for every show.

The return of Plymouth Univesity's Dinosaur Runway was also popular with the kids, as was professionl artist Darrell Wakelam's workshop "Chicken-o-saurus", and organisers are now looking for somewhere in the town to display the finished piece of work.

Mrs Clarke added: "We were really excited to welcome some new partners to the festival too – the Dorset Wildlife Trust had an incredible display of mermaid's purses and MARINElife provided loads of info about our local seas. We also said hello to the Dorset Diggers, a local archaeology group who welcome amateurs and professionals alike and who will have a great activity at next year's Festival. GeoFun Reading Rocks shared some practical hands-on advice for understanding the rocks we see all around us, and for those that are rather more hidden, the MicroPalaeontological Association had microscopes and the tiniest fossils imaginable.

"The collectors in the Fossil Fair did a roaring trade selling their fossils to the general public, and selling some of their very special pieces to top collectors and museums too.

"The Natural History Museum's remotely operated vehicle was roaming the sea bottom around our harbour, coming across the most unexpected things and broadcasting them live to museum audiences in London over the weekend. I'm not sure if they had a three feet-long Lego ichthyosaur swim past, but people who stopped into the Lyme Regis Museum saw one – in fact it's still there, in the fossil gallery.

"The Hub played host to our weekend of talks, including an evening devoted to this year's theme Citizen Science, as well as talks about the Antarctic, PalaeoArt, and the Deep-Sea Environment. On the Saturday evening we heard all about the latest news from the Jurassic Coast and about a wonderful project to rescue the Crystal Palace dinosaurs before they go extinct (again).

"We're already plotting for next year, when the theme will be Mapping the Earth and celebrating the bicentenary of William Smith's 'Map that Changed the World' – the first geological map of Britain. Our partners are all planning activities around the mapping theme, we have some spectacular street theatre planned and a fantastic art competition.

"We've also got two of our speakers confirmed - Richard Fortey from the Natural History Museum and our very own Steve Etches, who has collected one of the most spectacular collections of Jurassic Coast fossils."

Anyone who would like to get involved or volunteer over the festival weekend next year can email at info@fossilfestival.com or call Lyme Regis Development Trust on 01297 445021.

On Bank Holiday Monday the Fossil Festival marquee was used to host a successful food and art fair.

■ ALWAYS A HIT: Marshwood Primary pupils buy their fossils to take home. Above, children from St Michael's and Charmouth primary schools

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LymeLetters

Hard questions need to be asked on field studies centre

I ENTIRELY agree with Geoffrey Mann's comments in your letters page last week (April 30th), especially those concerning Lyme Regis Development Trust (LRDT).

When I was on the council I expressed my feelings about the relationship between the council and LRDT which, I felt, was improperly cosy. My disgust for the way certain councillors manipulated the system to ensure that The Hub and LymeNet received funding in preference to other claimants has been well-documented in this newspaper already.

But also, in my brief stint on this dysfunctional council, I objected to an LRDT request for council support when seeking EU funding, on which councillors were given virtually no information. As was required form, I emailed the chairman of the Strategy & Policy Committee before the meeting with questions about this item, seeking clarification of the "geek-speek", platitudinous nature of the motion. Councillor Mark Gage tried to fob me off with patronising remarks about the platitudes being "accepted business language" and suggested I Google any terms I had difficulty understanding.

Having worked for *The Economist* newspaper, spent many years in business journalism and communications and having taught good business writing in a financial services firm, I commented that the language used by LRDT was designed more to conceal more than to reveal: an art at which LRDT excels.

It was subsequently explained to me that requests for support from LRDT were pretty much automatically approved by the council. This appeared to be true to such an extent that, at the meeting, no one from LRDT had the courtesy to attend to answer any questions we might have (I suppose they thought no one would have the temerity to ask any). The motion was supported by most councillors, to the loss of a far more worthwhile motion from Councillor Daryl Turner, which would have benefited not only a huge number of people in the town but all our visitors as well.

The council pays lip-service to transparency, objectivity and openness. I wonder if they have any idea what those words actually mean.

Regarding LRDT's Field Studies Centre, like Mr Mann, I also have grave concerns about its potential benefit to the town. In particular:

- A centre of 125 beds would suppose an annual occupancy of over 45,000 bed-nights. Are there really this many paleontology, geology and marine science students? Why would it have to be so big?
- How much real commercial benefit would it be to the town? I suspect the traders would see very little. It claims to have a £3.5million benefit to the "wider" local community but it would have its own restaurant, so local restaurants wouldn't benefit. Its prospectus mentions a local spend by the studies centre of £100,000 on buying food from local producers and so on - again from outside Lyme. Those coming on courses would, I have been told, be taken by bus to their point of study, thus by-passing the town, and with the site on the outskirts of Lyme, the opportunities for students to spend money in the town would be severely hampered. Might I remind them that LRDT stands for *Lyme Regis* Development Trust.
- Would it benefit employment? Perhaps. It would need a few people to staff it, but probably only on a seasonal basis.
- It would have its own classrooms and would expect the museum to relinquish various items to examine in situ. I am not sure how the curators of the museum would feel about this, but why would it need its own classroom when the museum has plans for a classroom in its new extension where the exhibits could be studied, with local experts on hand, on the museum's own premises?

As is typical of the development trust, the Field Studies Centre prospectus is couched in persuasive platitudes. If the project is likely to go ahead, some hard questions will need to be asked.

Jill Newton,
Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis

Variety show refreshing and imaginative

I JUST wanted to write to say how much I enjoyed the variety performance on Saturday night at the Woodmead Halls by the pupils of St Michael's Primary School in Lyme Regis.

It was refreshing to see so many young children using their own initiative and coming up with such imaginative performances, which were all performed extremely well.

In today's society, when young children are often slated for being on their iPods or electronic games, this show proved that all is not lost and there are inspiring children out there.

Therefore, through this newspaper, can I thank all the children for their performances and hard work, and all the staff who helped put on the performance? It was a wonderful show.

Alan R. Davies,
Wooton Fitzpaine

See next week's View for coverage of St Michael's Primary School Variety Show

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View from the churches

THE Reverend Chris Woodman of Lyme Regis Baptist Church this week writes:

"This week, the folk at Bethany Chapel, will be reviewing the first Sunday back in their new improved building facilities. This, together with the recent centenary celebrations, has prompted much reflection upon the history of that particular church.

"Remembrance plays a significant role for us all this year.

An event on Friday, June 6th at 6am will mark the 75th anniversary of the time troops left Lyme Regis for the D-Day landings. Sunday 8th at 2pm will provide a commemoration service. The centenary commemoration of the start of WWI is also upon us. In both cases, the local churches will join the wider community to mark and reflect upon these important historic events.

"It's important to remember, for we are prone to forget. As we remember those who paid the ultimate price we are faced with a stark reality. For all our 'progress' as a race, we can't break free from conflict. Indeed, the 20th and 21st centuries have seen conflict and atrocities at a greater magnitude than ever before.

"Whether conflict between nations, civil war, ethnic unrest, within local towns or even in our own homes; for all our advancement in knowledge we can't 'progress' beyond inflicting suffering to some degree upon one another.

"Remembrance of historical events lie at the heart of the local churches. Namely, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is marked among the churches every week in the form of celebration The Lord's Table/Eucharist/Mass. The times for this coming Sunday are: Bethany Chapel 11am; Uplyme Parish Church 10am; St Michael & George Catholic Church 11am.

"Why not come and explore the proposed solution to our problem as we prepare to remember the historic results of our problem?"

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Lyme twinners build on long standing links with Bermuda

By Francesca Evans
REPORTING FROM BERMUDA

A PARTY from Lyme Regis returned from twin town St George's in Bermuda this week, after 11 days of celebrations marking the historical connections between the two communities.

The group of 12 from Lyme Regis - including the Mayor, Councillor Sally Holman, and outgoing chairman of the Lyme Regis/St George's Twinning Association, Sheila Poupard - were keen to build on the already established links between the twin towns and further promote their historical connections, particularly among more young people, whilst also taking part in traditional Bermudian events, including the annual Peppercorn Ceremony in St George's.

Lyme Regis was officially twinned with St George's in 1996 to recognise the important part former Mayor of Lyme Regis and MP, Admiral Sir George Somers, played in the colonisation of Bermuda. In 1609, Sir George led a fleet of nine ships to take provisions to those starving in the new English colony of James Fort, Virginia, but his flagship "Sea Venture" was separated from the others in a hurricane and eventually wrecked on the reefs surrounding Bermuda, later creating the first settlement on the island *("No evil spirits but a plentiful island paradise" - see page 11)*.

Since 1996 parties from Lyme Regis and St George's have visited their respective twin towns every year in April and July.

During this year's April visit, the Lyme Regis contingent spent Easter in Bermuda and took part in traditional celebrations, including flying kites and eating cod fishcakes with hot cross buns on Easter Friday. They also watched the St George's Passion Walk - a walking play touring the many churches in the town, culminating in the reenactment of the crucifixion - and joined a church service at St Peter's, the oldest church in the Western Hemisphere.

On St George's Day the group were guests at the annual Peppercorn Ceremony, which has taken place since 1816. Each year, the Governor of Bermuda attends to demand the rent of one peppercorn from the Freemasons Lodge St George's for use of the State House, where the government used to meet before moving to the new capital city of Hamilton *("Mayor plays part in Peppercorn Ceremony" - see page 10)*.

Civic and historical events

Members of the party were invited to Government House later that week to watch the Queen's Commonwealth Baton passed over to Governor George Fergusson in a ceremony which showed off Bermuda's sporting talents *("Commonwealth baton arrives in Bermuda" - see page 12)*.

The group were taken on a rare trip to the private Smith's Island by the Mayor of St George's, Garth Rothwell, who showed the visitors archaeological sites where it is thought some of the first English settlers lived. They were also invited to civic receptions at both St George's Town Hall and at City Hall in Hamilton by the Mayor of Hamilton, Graeme Outerbridge, and town crier Ed Christopher.

Historical tours around St George's, Hamilton and the Royal Naval Dockyard were led by former teacher and local historian Dr George Cook, while recreational events included the "Across the Atlantic" darts match against a team from Lyme Regis over a Skype link, drinks and dinner parties, boat trips, visits to the Bermuda Agricultural Exhibition and the screening of new documentary "Downing's Wreck", about the discovery of the "Sea Venture" wreck.

View From reporter Francesca Evans was invited to join the group this year to highlight the twinning links among more young people. As part of this project, she delivered letters from St Michael's Primary School in Lyme Regis to St George's Preparatory School and collected replies, as well as giving talks on Lyme to students at both the prep school and East End Primary School, also in St George's.

Others attending this year's twinning events in St George's were Bob and Cynch McHardy, John and Jan Dover, Mike Overfield-Collins, Irene Catley, Hazel Tingley, Char Valley parish councillor Debby Snook from Wooton Fitzpaine and her partner Chales Tait, from Orkney.

GLAD RAGS | The twinning parties from both Lyme Regis and St George's pictured in Somers Gardens after the annual Peppercorn Ceremony

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Mayor plays part in Peppercorn Ceremony

PAYING THE RENT | The peppercorn is handed over by Freemasons to the Governor. Below, Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Sally Holman greets guests at a reception after the ceremony

By Francesca Evans
REPORTING FROM BERMUDA

THE Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Sally Holman, was among special guests who took part in the annual Peppercorn Ceremony in St George's, Bermuda, last week.

Councillor Holman joined members of the Corporation of St George's, Lyme's twin town, for the historic ceremony in which the Governor of Bermuda demanded the rent of one peppercorn from the Freemasons for their use of the State House.

Other members of the Lyme Regis twinning party were also invited to attend and watched the ceremony with other guests.

The event began with the arrival of the Bermuda Regiment Band and Corps of Drums and Guard of Honour. This was followed by the arrival of the Bermuda Police Commissioner Michael DeSilva, Freemasons of Lodge St George 266 and Premier Craig Cannonier MP.

Members of the Corporation of St George's along with Councillor Holman then processed out of the Town Hall into King's Sqaure, where the event was being staged.

The Mayor of St George's, Garth Rothwell, arrived in a horse-drawn carriage, as did the Governor of Bermuda, George Fergusson, along with a heavy police escort.

Members of the Corporation and Councillor Holman were then each introduced to the Governor before he demanded the rent of one peppercorn from Lodge Master David Atwood for their use of the State House, where the Bermudian government formerly met before moving to the new capital city of Hamilton in 1816. The ceremony has been held every year since on the nearest Wednesday to St George's Day, which this year fell on a Wednesday.

Following the ceremony, a meeting of the Governor's Council, normally held in the Cabinet Chamber in Hamilton, was held in the State House, attended by all members of the Cabinet.

Although heavy rain somewhat dampened spirits during the first half of the ceremony, with locals commenting that it "never rains on Peppercorn day", the weather cleared up for a sunny reception for all guests in Somers Gardens afterwards, where they enjoyed a buffet and drinks.

GRAND ENTRANCE | The Governor of Bermuda, George Fergusson, arrives in horse-drawn carriage with police escort. Below the Bermuda Regiment

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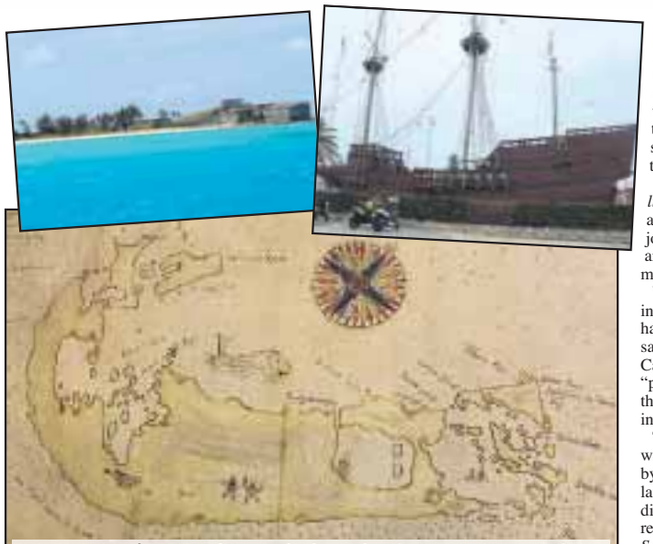
THE STORY OF THE SEA VENTURE - BY FRANCESCA EVANS



RICH HISTORY | A map of Bermuda drawn by Sir George Somers. Above, Gates' Bay where the 'Sea Venture' survivors first landed, now home to Fort St Catherine's, and a replica of 'Deliverance' at Ordnance Island, St George's

STANDING on the beach at Gates' Bay in St George's, your mind easily wanders to the unknown land, thick with cedar trees and no sign of civilisation, which would have stood before Admiral Sir George Somers, from Lyme Regis, and his crew as they safely reached Bermuda more than 400 years earlier, having endured a trecherous three-day hurricane.

Previously known as the Isle of Devils, because of the dangerous reefs which surrounded it and the eerie call of the native Cahow bird, which scared off superstitious sailors, the 150 survivors of the *Sea Venture* (everyone on board made it ashore, even the dog!) must have felt huge relief when they soon realised there were no evil spirits waiting for them, but instead a plentiful island paradise.

Sir George was admiral of the Virginia Company's *Third Supply*, the fleet of nine ships which left from Plymouth headed for the new English colony of James Fort, Virginia, to bring them supplies. But on land, roles were reversed and it was the captain of the *Sea Venture*, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Gates, after whom the bay where they landed was named, who assumed authority, creating two factions among the survivors.

Work began on building two new ships, *Deliverance* and *Patience*, from the Bermuda cedar and the wreck of *Sea Venture* to continue their journey to James Fort, while Sir George rowed around Bermuda, also known as Somers Isles, mapping its coastline.

When the two new ships were ready to set sail in 1610, two stayed behind - Robert Waters, who had been accused of mutiny after murdering a sailor and fled into the forest, and Christopher Carter. Carter has since been described as the first "permanent resident" of Bermuda, remaining on the island despite other ships coming and going in the following years.

The two ships made it to James Fort loaded with salted pork from wild pigs left on Bermuda by the Spanish, who had first discovered the island but never settled there, to find starvation and disease had taken over with less than 100 settlers remaining. The other eight ships from the *Third Supply* had made it to their original destination, but the crews had only added to the problem, as *Sea Venture* had been carrying most of the supplies.

It is thought that if *Deliverance* and *Patience* arrived just days later they would have found no survivors. Having deemed the new colony unviable the crews from Bermuda and James Fort survivors set sail to return to England, but coincidentally met another relief fleet on James River and the settlers were taken back.

Somers returned to Bermuda for more supplies but died shortly afterwards, most likely from food poisoning. His heart and entrails were burried in Bermuda and the rest of his pickled remains taken back to Lyme Regis by his nephew, Matthew.

In 1612 *The Plough* arrived in Bermuda carrying 50 of the first intentional settlers from England. St George's was settled that year and designated as Bermuda's first capital. It is now the oldest continually inhabited English town in the New World with a rich history it actively preserves and regularly celebrates.

The story could go on and on... The legacy of the *Sea Venture*, the remains of which still lie among the reefs off St George's, and its survivors went on to create many more historical tales and local historian Dr George Cook is currently researching the 150 crew and passengers.

It included Sylvester Jordain from Lyme Regis and John Rolfe, whose wife later gave birth to a baby girl. Both mother and baby died and Rolfe continued onto James Fort, where he married Matoaka Powhatan, better known as Pocohontas. The shipwreck is also thought to have been the basis for Shakespeare's "The Tempest".

Which is the real Sir George?

MEMBERS of the twinning party were shown this portrait of Admiral Sir George Somers by Felmish artist Paul van Somer during their visit, but it has since been called into question whether the artist did in fact paint this, or whether this is what Sir George looked like at all.

The group's historical tour guide, Dr George Cook, has long had his doubts about the painting, believing Sir George to look too Spanish and wearing the wrong type of clothing. But after further research into van Somer's work and searching through other images of Sir George on the internet, he is now more certain than ever that this is not the real deal.

Dr Cook believes this portrait to be painted by someone else from a verbal description of what Sir George looked like. He has found another portrait of Sir George *(inset)*, which he thinks is far more in line with van Somer's other work. A print of this is displayed in the church of Sir George's former hometown, Whitchurch Canonicorum, near Lyme Regis, and it is thought that the original is held at Wilton House, near Salisbury. It is hoped that the Lyme Regis twinners will now be able to follow this up.

If you have any information on the portraits of Sir George, call Francesca Evans at the *View* on 01297 446154.

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Commonwealth baton arrives in Bermuda

ARRIVING BY SEA | Swimmer Chris Flook begins the baton relay in Bermuda, rowed by sea cadets into St George's. Below, Commonwealth medalist Brian Wellman and former Premier Dame Jennifer Smith carry the baton down the steps of St Peter's Church

By Francesca Evans
REPORTING FROM BERMUDA

THE twinning party from Lyme Regis were special guests at Government House in Bermuda, as the Queen's Commonwealth Games Baton was handed over as part of its relay around the country.

Some of the group watched the baton begin its relay across Bermuda as it was rowed by sea cadets and carried by swimmer Chris Flook into King's Square at Lyme's twin town of St George's.

It was greeted by the Mayor of St George's, Garth Rothwell, before being handed over to local cricketers who were pictured holding it in St George's historic stocks.

The Queen's Baton was then passed on to Commonwealth Games medalist Brian Wellman who climbed the steps of the town's iconic St Peter's Church, watched by local schoolchildren, to hand it over to former Bermudian Premier, Dame Jennifer Smith.

The twinning party then headed on to Government House in Hamilton, where they had been invited to attend as special guests of the Governor's wife, Margaret Fergusson, having met her earlier in the week.

The baton was carried through the gardens of Government House in a ceremony which celebrated Bermuda's sporting talents, including gymnasts, rugby players and Commonwealth Games silver medalists Antoine Jones and Conrad Lister, as well as the Bermuda Islands Pipe Band to honour the Commonwealth Games this year being held in Glasgow, Scotland.

Governor George Fergusson received the baton before cycling out of the grounds with it and leading it to its next destination, the National Aquatic Centre.

The baton also stopped at other Bermudian landmarks over the two-day relay around the island, including Palm Grove, the Cabinet Office, the Bermuda Agricultural Exhibition and Warwick Long Bay known for its pink sand.

The Queen's Baton will arrive in England on May 31st and will tour around Manchester, Congleton, Sheffield, Brimingham, Plymouth, Bristol, Southampton, Kent, Oxford, London, Suffolk, and Leicester over 11 days before continuing to Scotland for a 40 day tour before the Games open on July 23rd.

HEADING OFF | The Governor of Bermuda, George Fergusson, ready to cycle out of the grounds of Government House with the baton. Below, the procession for the baton at Government House

FORGING FRIENDSHIPS | Letters have been written to and from St Michael's Primary School in Lyme Regis and children from St George's Preparatory School in Bermuda, pictured above

New school friendships to span across Atlantic Ocean

NEW links are to be established between St Michael's Primary School in Lyme Regis and schools in St George's, Bermuda.

View From reporter Francesca Evans was invited to join a party from Lyme on their annual trip to twin town St George's to promote the links between the two communities among more young people, and to encourage them to take part in twinning activities.

As part of this project, Miss Evans visited two primary schools during her trip - St George's Preparatory School and East End Primary School - to give talks and answer questions about Lyme Regis, and to set up links with St Michael's.

The students at St Michael's wrote letters to the children of St George's Preparatory School and they in turn wrote letters and postcards which Miss Evans has brought home with her and will shortly deliver to St Michael's. It is hoped this will result in an ongoing friendship between the two schools, and that East End Primary will also be able to join in the link.

Miss Evans will be giving a talk on her trip to Bermuda to the children at St Michael's and students of the Woodroffe School in Lyme Regis. It is also hoped that Woodroffe will be able to include a section on Lyme's twinning links with St George's in its Year 7 "People and Places" class next year.

CLOCKWISE from top left, the twinning party at a civic reception at City Hall, Hamilton; a cruise liner at the Royal Naval Dockyard; twinners explore Smith's Island; sunset over St George's; the view over Harrington Sound and, above, the historical ducking reenactment in St George's, when a woman is repeatedly dipped in the water for being a nag or gossip

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Bermuda fact file...

Bermuda is the oldest remaining British Overseas Territory. Although often referred to in the singular, it is made up of 181 islands, formed by high points on a submarine volcano

Bermuda was first discovered by Spanish sea captain Juan de Bermúdez in 1503, after whom the islands are named but not settled until the arrival of the "Sea Venture" in 1609

Bermuda is 53.2 square kilometres or 20.6 square miles and is 640 miles from its nearest landmass, Cape Hatteras in North Carolina. Its population in 2010 was 64,237

The island's motto is "Quo Fata Ferunt" which means "Whither the Fates Carry Us"

St George's was established as Bermuda's first captial in 1612 and is the oldest continuously inhabited English town in the New World. Hamilton took over as capital in 1815

Rainfall generates Bermuda's only supply of fresh water. Its buildings' distinctive white roofs are designed to catch water, which is stored in tanks

The US Air Force built an air base in St David's, Bermuda, in 1941, dredging part of Castle Harbour and incorporating several small islands to create additonal landmass for an airfield, later converted to a civil airport

Bermudians are only allowed one car per household. Cars are not available to rent on the island but many choose to travel by moped instead. The speed limit across the whole island in 20mph.

The Lyme Regis/St George's Twinning Association's annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28th with a lunch at the Pilot Boat Inn from 12.30pm and business from 2pm. New members always welcome and the group is currently looking for more young members in particular, with membership costing just £10 per year. Those interested should email Sheila Poupard on she941570@aol.com

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ANOTHER VIEW...

with monthly columnist Chris Boothroyd

Next May brings town council elections. So here's an idea to prepare the ground for Lyme's effective governance. It's radical, unconstitutional and - many might argue - undemocratic (though whether the present council is "democratic", in any real sense, could be questioned).

The thought follows years of observing, and in a small way working with, the council. Individually, our councillors have plentiful virtues; collectively, rather few. Time (and thus money) is wasted by dysfunctional, inward-looking proceedings and mutual distrust. The unhealthy goings-on demoralise and damage the town. Another year of this might best be avoided.

Councillors are, let's remember, volunteers. They started out with ambitious hopes which, with the exception of the skatepark, are largely unfulfilled. It's partly a failure in what they do - even more, one of how they do it. (If you doubt this, look up Councillor Mark Gage's lengthy address to his first Strategy & Policy meeting, printed in this paper on June 22nd 2011.)

Seemingly in denial about this failure, bemused by the widespread public loss of confidence, and baffled as to the causes of both, councillors in frustration blame each other instead of examining their individual responsibilities for the decline - which may now be beyond reversal. And they seem to be tiring.

For the first six months of their term, average attendance at full council meetings was 92 per cent; for the most recent six months it's 78 per cent.

So my suggestion is that they vote themselves a sabbatical year off, for a deserved rest. Let the mayor and deputy mayor continue their civic and ceremonial duties, while the council officers and staff run the town for the year, guided by existing policies and working with whoever is willing to help.

The council's employees are a pretty good bunch, with more to offer the town's wellbeing than they're currently allowed to give. Their potential effectiveness is weakened by councillors' micromanagement, by an excess of committees, by debate not always in command of the facts, and by confused decision-making.

Senior officers are diverted into calming and refereeing overwrought councillors, taking legal advice and drawing up codes of conduct. Staff time is consumed preparing too many agendas and reports (often inadequately read and understood), attending evening meetings, then trying to make sense for the minutes of what's gone on.

Why not give the staff their heads for a year, free from muddled oversight, to show what they can achieve? Give them time to concentrate on turning talk into practical action, managing day-to-day town requirements smoothly, dealing with letters, emails and phone messages, and communicating with the public.

Naturally, they would want, and the town would need, fresh democratic links for this exceptional year. We'd all benefit from a reduction in the council's present isolation - symbolised by the fact that, in contravention of its own policy, the background papers to meetings are suppressed from its website while those in the library cover just 16 of the last year's 51 main open council meetings.

Woeful at welcoming free help

How about a quarterly, rather than annual, town meeting with senior officers, chaired by the mayor? How about welcoming free help and advice from citizens and voluntary groups, something at which the present council is woeful? How about sharing ideas on important issues through imaginative use of the council website and newsletters, the local press, email - even (responsibly) social media?

Come to think of it, why shouldn't such things happen in normal years? Too difficult? Greek city states, two-and-a-half millennia ago, managed strong public engagement with larger populations than Lyme and none of our modern electronic media.

And the benefits, beyond a year of grown-up, efficient management? It would break the cycle of low expectation, cynicism and lack of interest within the town. A higher calibre council could then make a fresh start with crisp, efficient and cost-effective ways of doing business. Aware that the town had been well-run without them, the incoming councillors might be readier to foster staff initiative and responsibility.

Councillors could focus on their proper roles. They could lead, inspire, support and pull together the stimulating variety of Lyme organisations, making the community more than the sum of its parts. They could stand back to see "the big picture", talking with and listening to residents and visitors in the course of developing policies essential for the town's future.

They could monitor (not manage - that's the town clerk's job) the work of staff and volunteers in a co-operative spirit. They could liaise energetically with neighbouring parishes and other tiers of local government - not scoring cheap political points off them but reducing confusing and costly overlaps while increasing shared action.

Such a town council, replacing morose aloofness with cheerful engagement, could reinvigorate interest in and support for its activities, restore the optimistic joie de vivre which Lyme intrinsically possesses, and prove a worthy embodiment of the town it serves.

And such a council would be better placed to face the changes in local government that will, eventually, occur; for the present three-level pattern of county, district and town/parish cannot for ever continue its expensively wasteful way.

Of course, there's no chance of this temporary proposal being adopted. But it could be a revealing thought-experiment. And old men are allowed to dream...

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County to make decision on landfill plans

A FINAL decision on a proposal to create a landfill site on the driving range of Lyme Regis Golf Club will be made by Dorset County Council on Friday, May 9th.

The landfill off Charmouth Road would be a maximum depth of 2.75 metres in the centre of the site for 40,000 cubic metres of inert waste, and the application says it would provide a "much needed landfill site for the deposit of inert waste from local construction, demolition and ground work projects in an area of Dorset where there is a lack of such authorised sites".

It adds: "The nearest landfill sites are a considerable distance away, incurring substantial costs, both financial and environmental, in trucking inert waste to these site from the western part of Dorset."

On completion of the landfill operation, the site would be restored for continued use as a driving range and practice area. A reduced driving range would operate throughout in an area of the site which the landfill will not affect.

Two access points would be created for the landfill operation. Access to the northern part of the site would be from the existing access on the A3052 and a temporary new access point would be created nine metres south of the existing entrance.

Lyme Regis Town Council found no objection to the plans but concerns were later raised by Uplyme Parish Council and residents of the village who have views across to the site and said they are "horrified" by the "ridiculous" plans.

The parish council was concerned the main impact, both visiaully and aurally, would be on the residents of the Harcombe Valley, within their parish, and asked that any impact be minimised by reducing the proposed operational hours to 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday. They also requested a noise survey be carried out and that Dorset County Council give one-year permission and assess the impact before permitting the remaining four years requested.

Dorset County Council's head of planning has now also recommended refusal ahead of Friday's meeting as the site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the application "does not establish that exceptional circumstances exist to justify a grant of planning permission in the public interest".

The planning application can be viewed online at http://bit.ly/1rYM2cX

Town in desperate need of more sporting facilities

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people like myself who very strenuously opposed it before."

Before members discussed the item, the town clerk advised they wait for principal opportunities to arise that would allow them to develop the site in line with the lease, adding that the council did not have the resources to invest a significant amount of money in the site.

Mr Wright said he did know of other sporting organisations who were interested in the site, including the football club which was looking at a development on a smaller scale than its previous plans and seeking funding.

Councillor Owen Lovell said: "I'm unhappy to do nothing. People say we've got to do soemthing or we've wasted our money. We didn't waste our money, we've got potential for a site in Lyme Regis that will provide recreational facilities some time in the future."

He suggested that Lyme Regis Bowling Club based on Monmouth Beach could be moved to the Strawberry Field, where it could be offered a longer lease and free parking.

"If you forever sit on your hands and do nothing, nothing is going to happen to it. Doing nothing is sending the wrong message to the town," he added.

Mr Wright replied: "It's an incredibly valuable asset to the town but let's not force something to happen."

Councillor Terry O'Grady argued that the town was in "desperate need" of more sporting facilities, particularly more football pitches and tennis courts.

"How many football teams does this town have? And all successful," he added.

However, it was agreed to retain the land and do nothing until circumstances change.

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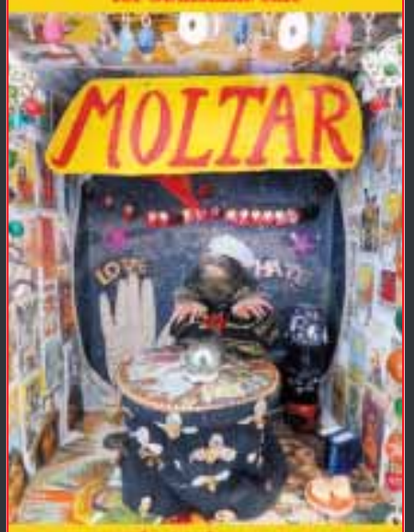

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It doesn't seem that long ago that the choice for colour was either magnolia or 'tint with a hint'. Nowadays there are endless possibilities and, as with clothes, the major companies bring out new colours each season. One minute acid green is all the rage, the next it's the 'new neutrals'. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the choice. Even sticking to tried and tested white can have its pitfalls.

Pitfalls

You may know exactly which colours you want to use but you can still hit a stumbling block. Why does the colour that looked so great in the tin look insipid and lifeless on the walls? What's more, you've spent hours trying to get everything to match exactly, but your room has just ended up looking bland.

Colour schemes

Planning and carrying out your own colour schemes is easy once you understand the principles of colour. Interior designers often seem to have a built-in instinct for what goes with what, and it's true, relying on your instincts and playing around is one of the best ways of learning. But although paint is relatively cheap, doing out a whole room with soft furnishings and accessories only to realise it doesn't work, can be an expensive mistake. Designers have been trained and many use a simple colour wheel to make sure their designs are going to work.

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When you come to sell, remember that couples and sharers will probably be looking for good-sized double bedrooms, while families may be happier to have more, smaller bedrooms if it means one for each child.

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The pitch of the roof can make a big difference to how useable the space is - some lofts don't have enough head height to make the conversion worthwhile unless you lower the ceilings in the rooms below. This is a big and expensive job and won't be practical if the ceilings are already quite low.

You also need room for a good-sized staircase up to the loft on the floor below and if this means losing a bedroom, you may not gain much by converting the loft.

Building regulations for loft conversions are very strict about having a safe means of escape in the event of a fire, so it's not necessarily the easiest way to add an extra bedroom.

Creating a downstairs bedroom, and preferably a bathroom or shower room next to it, can work better, providing your home's layout is suitable.

Ground-floor extensions are usually used to add kitchen, dining and living space, but they can include bedrooms.

A two-storey extension is often better because you can create extra living space downstairs and bedrooms upstairs and it should be cheaper than doing a ground-floor extension and a loft conversion, but two-storey extensions aren't always easy to do with our planning system.

Another way to add a bedroom is converting your home's garage (or outbuildings) into one. If the garage is mostly used for storage and the stuff can be stored elsewhere, the garage may be more useful and valuable as a bedroom, as long as it's converted properly and sympathetically.

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CHILDREN and a calm, stylish home don't always go hand in hand. But you can create spaces to suit grown-ups and youngsters alike, as family lifestyle expert Ashlyn Gibson tells Gabrielle Fagan.

If your home is feeling like a battleground, as you and your children fight for territory, it could be time for a new strategy.

Before you consider moving or boarding schools - or simply resign yourself to chaos until they've flown the nest - there is another answer: creating rooms that suit your need for stylish spaces as well as theirs for play areas.

"Children and decor aren't generally regarded as a match made in heaven. Sticky fingers, the patter of tiny, muddy feet and an ever-growing collection of plastic toys can take their toll on rooms," says Ashlyn Gibson, author of Creative Family Home; a blueprint for transforming a home that appeals equally to grown-ups and youngsters.

All that's needed, she believes, is a little imagination, a dash of flair, and with your children's help, a family home can be one that's fun and which you're proud to show off.

"Bringing up children is an adventure and living with them should be fun," she says. "It's all about capturing their spirit of wonder, discovery and sense of fun, and giving them child-friendly spaces which encourage them to be imaginative. Spaces where you can all relax, and they can express their personalities."

Key ingredients, she says, are practical layouts, easy-to-clean durable surfaces able to withstand the rough and tumble of family life, and ideally a neutral backdrop so that it's easy to add vivid colour and pattern, which children love, in everything from fabrics and furnishings through to their toys, collections and artwork.

"With a bit of ingenuity you can showcase their possessions to great effect, and have a home that never looks stagnant or dull. A colourful, visually stimulating home is an inspiring place for everyone, young and old."

Play & display

Children's toys seem to have a life of their own, apparently cloning themselves over night so they constantly overflow storage boxes and invade every corner. Make stumbling over them a distant memory by providing child-friendly storage.

"A home free of clutter will have a relaxed, calm vibe which the whole family will enjoy," says Gibson.

"Portable storage, a box on castors or a vintage suitcase, is versatile and allows children to transport contents from room to room."

Tip: Have a clear-out of toys regularly but do it with your children - don't rush them, because choosing what to discard is all part of the process of growing up. Donate unwanted items to a charity shop or let them boost pocket money by selling at car boot sales.

Hide & seek style

"Children love making dens, cosying up in small spaces and finding secret boltholes they can call their own," says Gibson.

"You don't need to invest in expensive playhouses which will soon be outgrown, just create places in rooms, whether it's an old sofa, or the space behind one, for enjoying reading sessions, or simply a pile of cushions and a lamp on a landing.

"Even a small bedroom will be a much-loved sanctuary if you invest in a raised bed so there's more space below it for playtime. Allow children a say in how it's decorated. If they experiment and express their personalities, they'll want to spend time in it."

Tip: If children share a bedroom spell out their names in letters on the walls by each bed to mark out their territory. Fabric Personalised Letters, £9.99 each, from Country Bumpkins.

Shared space

The space where you're cooking or working can be magnetic to children, but unsafe as well as inconvenient. Instead, suggests Gibson, utilise 'dead space' for play zones, like an under-stairs cupboard. Use a fold-away dining table so the space doubles as an activity area, or designate a play corner. "If there's enough height, an indoor swing will give youngsters hours of enjoyment," she says.

Tip: Masking tape can be used on hard floors to create a hopscotch court or to mark out a treasure trail. My First Train Tape, £10.99, from Gift Oasis, can be used on walls and floors.

Creative corners

Think outside of the paint box and create areas throughout the home where youngsters can doodle and daub, urges Gibson.

"A desk where they can base themselves is essential. Sitting at it and conjuring up their own projects encourages them to develop powers of concentration, and learn how to zone out and become completely involved in activities and make-believe," she says.

Tip: Frame their art work in perspex or clip-frames and create a gallery. Drawing on walls needn't be a banned activity! Mark out a picture frame shape on a wall with masking tape and let them express themselves within it. Peel off tape once finished and the picture will have crisp edges and be a unique focal point.

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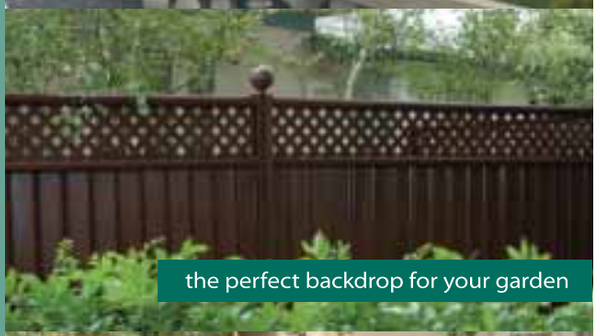

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The funkiest club night south of the North Pole comes to the Marine Theatre

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They'll be joined on stage by Freshly Squeezed, a hi-energy eight piece band for a live set with a strong Latin, percussive vibe.

Pete Isaac is a DJ promoter and driving force behind Jelly Jazz and has developed an international reputation as a DJ. At the height of the rave culture, Jelly Jazz started staging a weekly diet of soul, Latin, hip hop and break-beat but with a jazz twist. Joining forces with DJ Griff, who brings melodic funkiness to the table, the blend works to deliver a 'dance till you drop' club night.

Jelly Jazz incorporate live music into their sets, showcasing just-below-the-radar bands who can pack a punch in terms of delivery and quality. Freshly Squeezed hail from the South West and have built a reputation for outstanding musicianship, energetic performances and blowing the socks off everyone on the dance-floor. With horns, guitars, keyboards and percussion, these boys can make some noise.

Julie Sheppard the festival's publicist said: "Most club-nights tend to play one genre of music, at one tempo all night. Jelly Jazz nights are different. They provide great dance music which isn't in a predictable format. Expect bongos, beats, and bass-lines with scratchy guitars, wholesome horns, and wailing organs. You'll be in for a different kind of experience – an out-of-body one, if you're lucky. But above all, it'll be funky!"

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Todd Sharpville and Dani Wilde

Sean Hughes to kick off Weymouth Pavilion's Sunday comedy nights

NEVER Mind the Buzzcocks star Sean Hughes comes to Weymouth this month for the first Sunday night comedy show at the Pavilion.

The new monthly gig will feature a regular host, a full line up of comics, and a big TV comedy star to headline the show.

Top of the bill at this month's debut gig will be comedy legend Sean Hughes. Sean shot to fame in the 90s after becoming the youngest winner of the Edinburgh Festival's Perrier Award. He went on to become a regular team captain on 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks' and host his own show 'The Seany Show'.

Since then Sean has ventured into acting and writing but continued to entertain audiences around the UK with regular solo shows. He comes to Weymouth on top form, fresh off the back of his latest show 'Penguins'.

Sean will be supported on the night by former English Comedian of the Year Matthew Osborn and Scottish comedian and impressionist Geoff Boyz.

Holding it all together will be regular host, and local comic, Tom Glover. Tom is one of the south west's most exciting new talents looking to follow in the footsteps of fellow westcountry comics Russell Howard, Josh Widdicombe and Jon Richardson.

Weymouth born comic, Tom, has been working with the venue to bring the best names in stand up to the town.

"The Pavilion is a fantastic venue for live comedy and I think it's something the town has been crying out for," he said.

"I want to help put Weymouth back on the comedy map and make it a place where comics look to when booking their live tours.

The new Sunday night show is going to be a little different to the usual solo shows you see in the theatre with a full line up of acts on the bill.

"The gig is going to feature some top TV names but also some lesser known acts who are equally as great but you are yet to see on the small screen," he said.

"It's going to have a Live at the Apollo feel to it, and with three comics and myself, it will hopefully offer something for everyone. Basically it will be a much better way to spend your Sunday than sitting in front of Antiques Roadshow."

The first Sunday Night Comedy at Weymouth Pavilion will be at 7:30pm on Sunday, May 18th. Tickets are £15 and available online at www.weymouthpavilion.com or from the box office on 01305 783225.

HEADLINER | Sean Hughes

Marine launches new season

THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis recently launched its programme for the new season including a range of music, comedy, drama and family events.

Highlights of the coming season include an appearance by Midge Ure of Silk, Thin Lizzy and Ultravox fame on Friday, June 20th. Doors open at 7.30pm with tickets costing £17.50.

Tribute band The Fab Beatles, named the best Beatles tribute in the UK by the BBC, will return to the Marine on Saturday, June 28th. Doors ope at 7.45pm with tickets costing £13.50 or £11.50 for cocnessions.

Intimate musical performances held in the Marine's Stage Door Bar will include folk duo Lazibyrd on Friday, May 9th; Mike Relf and Philip Clouts as part of the Jazz in the Bar series on Friday, June 27th; and Pete Higgins and Lynsey Rowe on Friday, July 18th. Doors for all these events open at 7pm, tickets £6.50 in advance or £7.50 on door.

Straight from the Unicorn Theatre in London, family-friendly "1001 Nights" will be performed on Sunday, May 25th, colelcting together some of the greatest folk tales ever told. Doors open at 6pm with tickets costing £8.50, £6.50 for concessions and £26 for family tickets.

"The Tap Dancing Mermaid" by Tessa Bide Productions is expected to be another hit with the kids and is the latest in the See Play Do family theatre series at the Marine on Thursday, May 29th. Doors open at 11am with tickets costing £5.

The theatre will also play host to several local events over the coming weeks, including the annual Jazz & Blues Weekend over May 30th to June 1st, which will see the return of 1960s swing star Geno Washington & The Yo Yos. Other events will include Jelly Jazz with Freshly Squeezed, Gerry Brown & The Mission Hall Band, Saturday Swing fever and Jazz Sunday Brunch.

Top local chef Mark Hiz will host his crab feastat the theatre on Saturday, June 7th (doors open 7pm, tickets £25) and mackerel fishing panel discussion and feast on Friday, July 4th (doors open 6pm, tickets £25).

Local youth music group B Sharp will host their second Big Mix Festival outside on Theatre Sqaure on Saturday, July 5th from 1pm to 11pm.

■ **LAUNCH NIGHT: Nigel Day, Tim Bell and Julia Gay from the Marine Theatre with this season's new programmes**

Amateur dramatics this season will include "Mame" by Lyme Regis Operatic Society from Tuesday, May 13th to Saturday, May 17th and Lyme Regis Pantomime Society's variety show "All The World's a Stage!" from Thursday, July 10th to Saturday, July 12th. Tickets for both these events are available at Fortnam, Smith & Banwell estate agents office in Broad Street, Lyme Regis.

For further details on the full programme, visit the theatre's website www.marinetheatre.com

Oh, What a Lovely War!

THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis will be marking the centenary year of the start of the First World War with a production of "Oh, What a Lovely War!" on Remembrance Day, November 11th 2014.

The play will be directed by local resident Jenny Wiles as a fundraisier for the theatre and all are welcome to join in - whether already part of a local dramatic society or not. Read throughs of the scrip will be held on Monday, June 2nd and Tuesday, June 3rd at 7.30pm, with auditions on June 16th and 17th. Those interested can call 01297 442394 for further details.

Rehearsals hotting up for *Mame*

REHEARSALS are hotting up for "Mame" for the chorus and principals of Lyme Regis Operatic Society. The test of remembering words to songs and the movements which have been choreographed for each phrase of each song, and then putting them together with a smile and projection is always a difficult task for amateur performers.

After a full day's work, and then organising the family at home, between thirty and forty individuals meet up for a rehearsal at the church hall or theatre, maybe once or twice a week for four or five months. Drawn from the surrounding area ~ stretching from Bridport to Exmouth and inland to Axminster and Colyton, these amateurs brush up their moves to such a standard that they have been compared with professionals!

"Breathtakingly good", "born to perform", and "five star performances" are all words used by ***View from*** to describe last year's '*Calamity Jane*', and the Society is now all set to bring you '*Mame*' from 13-17 May.

The story revolves around Patrick Dennis, the 10-year old orphaned nephew of Mame Dennis into whose custody he has been entrusted. Rather than bow to convention, Mame introduces the boy to her madcap and free-wheeling lifestyle. Despite her best efforts to prevent it, the trustees of her late brother (Patrick's father) force Patrick to attend boarding school in Massachusetts. When Mame loses her fortune in the Wall Street Crash she tries her hand at a number of jobs, with comically disastrous results. She eventually meets and falls for Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside, a Southern aristocrat with a plantation in Georgia called Peckerwood. After several years away travelling the world on an 'endless honeymoon' with Beau, Mame returns home to discover that Patrick has become a priggish snob engaged to an equally priggish debutante, Gloria Upson, from a bigoted family. Mame tries to bring Patrick to his senses just in time to introduce him to the woman who will eventually become his wife.

The evening performances will commence slightly earlier than normal at 7.15pm to accommodate the young people taking part in the show, and the Matinee on Saturday will start at 2.30pm.

Tickets are available from estate agents Fortnam Smith & Banwell in Broad Street ~ telephone 01297 445666 ~ priced at £12 each, with concessions for children under 16 at £5.

Jazz and Blues session makes a comeback in Beaminster

THE final monthly jazz and blues session at Beaminster on Friday (May 9th) will be just like all the others – a sell-out.

Organised by Dr Elaine Hendrickson, the sessions began in February and have featured some talented local musicians such as Julie Dunn, BlueZoo blues band, Charlotte Storey and Ben Waghorn.

The sessions, which have been held at the Beaminster pavilion, have been a surprise big hit.

But for everyone who is sorry they are ending, there is good news. The jazz and blues sessions will start again in September.

"I organised the sessions because I wanted to see some jazz as part of the Beaminster Festival," said Dr Hendrickson.

"The sessions were not widely marketed, but they sold out by word of mouth before we even had a chance to get the posters distributed.

"The support for jazz and blues has been phenomenal and the musicians, some of whom came from further afield than West Dorset, have been excellent.

"Thanks to the encouragement and enthusiam from the audiences for the sessions they will start again in September and carry on until people stop buying tickets."

BlueZoo blues band

VILLAGE EVENSONG AT STINSFORD

IN THE early nineteenth century, various members of Thomas Hardy's family played their stringed instruments up in the gallery at Stinsford Church, providing the music for the regular Sunday services before the days of organs and robed choirs.

Beaminster Gallery Quire is dedicated to researching and performing the village church music of that time, so it is most appropriate that they should be visiting Hardy's own parish church to play and sing a service of Choral Evensong conducted in the style of around 1830, taking place this Sunday, May 11th, at 6pm, at Stinsford Church, near Dorchester.

Village church music was then quite unlike music heard in many churches today – in fact it was all rather jolly and upbeat – and by the middle of the century it had given way to changing fashions and the Victorian reform movement. Beaminster Gallery Quire will be turning the clock back to the earlier period, singing and playing with gusto!

Beaminster Gallery Quire

Music is of course only one part of the service, its style changing greatly with the passing years. By contrast, the Order of Evening Prayer is taken from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, and these unchanging words are the basis for the recreation of a service as it might have been conducted two centuries ago.

The congregational hymns are all of the period, but are still well-known to this day. We hope that a packed church will raise 'A Joyful Noise unto the Lord'!

Following the service of Evensong, there will be a short interval for light refreshments, after which Beaminster Gallery Quire will 'loose its stays' for half an hour, entertaining us with some lighter items from the Gallery Repertoire.

Bella Hardy concert is this Saturday

CORRECTION - ***Please note that in View 2 last week we printed that the Bella Hardy concert at Bridport's Electric Palace on Saturday, May 10th was to move dates. This is incorrect, and the concert will go ahead on May 10th as originally planned.***

29-year-old Bella Hardy's interpretations of traditional music and her own song writing have won her critical and popular acclaim. She has been flooded with television and radio appearances and is looking forward to visiting Bridport for some time by the sea away from her busy schedule.

The show on Saturday, May 10th takes place at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £10 plus booking fee in advance, or £12 on the door. Advance tickets are available from www.seetickets.com or by calling 01308 424091.

More information about this special music event can be found at www.electricpalace.org.uk

Bella Hardy

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Family Fun on Museums at Night

THERE'S even more to do this year on Museums at Night in Dorchester on Saturday, May 17th. With all six of Dorchester's museums, and the Roman Town House specially open in the evening it promises to be a fantastic night out for all the family. Max Gate is open as a preview to the evening. New this year is a special Museums at Night trail with several prizes to be won.

Entry to all 8 heritage attractions in Dorchester is only £10 for up to a family of 2 adults and 4 children for the evening, when bought in advance. Tickets for this fantastic value family night out at Dorchester's museums and attractions are now on sale from participating museums and the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre. Tickets can be bought on the night at £12.

Dorchester is probably the only town in Britain with such a wealth and diversity of museums: the Dinosaur Museum; the Tutankhamun Exhibition; the Dorset County Museum; the Keep Military Museum; the Teddy Bear Museum; the Terracotta Warriors Museum. It's alive with history and heritage and this is all brought together on Museums at Night on Saturday, May 17th.

Museums at Night promises to be a very special night offering families and individuals an unrivalled opportunity to explore, discover and enjoy these heritage venues. All the museums and attractions are visitor friendly and some have hands on and interactive displays. Museums at Night is on the evening of Saturday 17th May when the museums will be open after hours from 5pm to 9pm, with Max Gate opening as a preview.

▲ IRON Age skeletons on display at Dorchester County Museum

Cinema Listings

Friday, May 9th - Thursday, May 15th
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LYME REGIS REGENT
Tel: 0871 230 3200
www.scottcinemas.co.uk
The Other Woman 12A
Fri-Tue, Thu: 17.30, Wed: 16.00
Locke 15
Fri-Tue: 20.20, Thu: 15.30
Rio 2 U
Sat & Sun: 15.00

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
Tel: 01308 424204
www.bridport-arts.com
Anchorman 2 15
Sun: 19.30
Secret Life of Walter Mitty PG
Thu: 13.00, 19.30

DORCHESTER ODEON
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
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Contact cinema or visit the website for up-to-date listings

DORCHESTER PLAZA
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www.plazadorchester.com
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WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD
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Contact cinema or visit the website for up-to-date listings

This week's new cinema releases

SABOTAGE 15
MEMBERS of an elite DEA task force find themselves being taken down one by one after they rob a drug cartel safe house.
Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sam Worthington and Terrence Howard.

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL PG
A SMALL-TOWN father must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world.
Stars Greg Kinnear, Kelly Reilly and Thomas Haden Church.

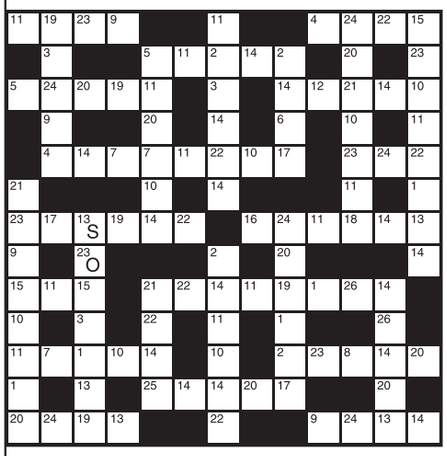
FRANK 15
JON, a young wanna-be musician, discovers he's bitten off more than he can chew when he joins an eccentric pop band led by the mysterious and enigmatic Frank.
Stars Donhall Gleeson, Michael Fassbender and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

THE WIND RISES 12A
A LOOK at the life of Jiro Horikoshi, the man who designed Japanese fighter planes during World War II.
Studio Ghibli production with voices from Joseph Gordon-Levitt, John Krasinski and Emily Blunt.

Brain Gym No.272

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

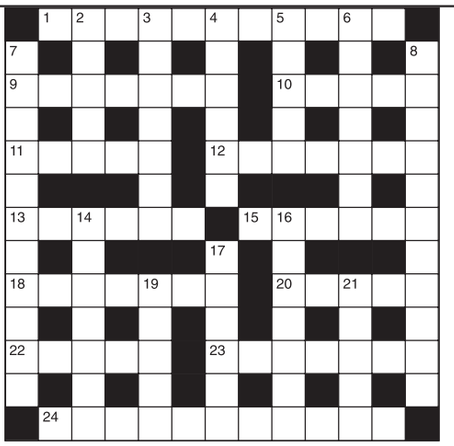
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Didn't succeed in crossing the ice? (4,7)
9. Lets hit out at a symbol of Scotland (7)
10. Engagement ring from one who will care, naturally! (5)
11. Such zest is nothing more than wind! (5)
12. His choice will get cross (7)
13. Feel in form, like a cat (6)
15. Five have a good look round, but go hungry (6)
18. Supervise the making of some plain spectacles (7)
20. Pole on the run (5)
22. I get shot about in the lift (5)
23. It has wings and flies (7)
24. You can get away with it! (6,5)

Down

2. Gives out the wrong times (5)
3. Drop in disappointment (3-4)
4. Carried out shoe repairs as listed (6)
5. Give people your address? (5)
6. Bigger and better (7)
7. Dramatic attack of nerves (5,6)
8. It's fine when we get it! (4,7)
14. A fool tells fibs about girls (7)
16. One of the main dangers of war (7)
17. Representation of astute formation (6)
19. More for the bit player (5)
21. Just the group to play an eightsome reel? (5)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Surroundings (11)
9. Distinguished (7)
10. Rascal (5)
11. Bring to bear (5)
12. Coagulate (7)
13. Interment (6)
15. Reviewer (6)
18. Increase (7)
20. Talisman (5)
22. Punctuation mark (5)
23. England, Scotland and Wales (7)
24. Previous history (11)

Down

2. Sound (5)
3. Sloth (7)
4. Light science (6)
5. Imbecile (5)
6. Disregard (7)
7. Similarity (11)
8. Substitute (11)
14. Diet (7)
16. Accept (7)
17. Firm (6)
19. Dodge (5)
21. Fit (5)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Fairness; 5 Diva; 9 Lamp; 10 Calendar; 11 Lyric; 12 Lariats; 13 Statisticians; 18 Stamp out; 19 Here; 20 Erosion; 21 Orbit; 22 Toys; 23 Prestige. Down: 2 Analyst; 3 Reprint; 4 Scarlet-runner; 6 Indiana; 7 Arrests; 8 Metric; 13 Suspect; 14 Anatomy; 15 Impair; 16 Inherit; 17 Nursing. QUICK - Across: 1 Athletic; 5 Owns; 9 Brag; 10 Adhesive; 11 Hasty; 12 Sleeper; 13 Sooner or later; 18 Restrain; 19 Vice; 20 Chianti; 21 Droop; 22 Nigh; 23 Answered. Down: 2 Tornado; 3 Lighten; 4 Indisposition; 6 Whippet; 7 Shearer; 8 Reveal; 13 Saracen; 14 Ousting; 15 Errand; 16 Adverse; 17 Enclose.

View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH - MONDAY MAY 26TH

LYME REGIS: Exhibition: 'Caught In A Light' at Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill. Open daily 10.30am-5pm. Free admission. Visit www.townmillartsguild.com

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH

DORCHESTER: 'Genevieve' showing at the Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits £1.50, served during the film, ice creams also available. For more detail call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY MAY 8TH

WEYMOUTH: A talk by Jan Wilment on "Container Growing" organised by Broadwey Upwey & District Horticultural Society. At St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, starting at 7.30pm. For more details call 01305 814887

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group meeting in St. George's Church Hall. Fordington at 2.15 pm. Talk by Adrian Downton "My Life In Films" £1 admission includes tea and biscuits. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 259755.

FRIDAY MAY 9TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Viewing and juding of the following competitions: Dave King Cup and Lyme 1200 Trophy, followed by end of season awards. At Woodmead Halls from 7.30-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or visit www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

BRIDPORT: The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians present a concert featuring leading Blues Duo Zoe Shwartz (vocals) and Rob Koral (guitar). At St Swithun's Church, Allington. Four musicians from the Trust will make their own contribution, demonstrating how talented our young musicians are. Tickets for this concert are £6 and available at Bridport Music in South Street or at the door.

SATURDAY MAY 10TH

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence Dancing at the village hall, 8-10.30pm. £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. For more details call 01297 442439.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: Saving Mr Banks. At Bothenhampton Village Hall, doors 7pm. film 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door, £4 embers of film club, £5 everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071

WEYMOUTH: Broadwey and Upwey Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Upwey, at 2pm. Admission is free and there will also be cakes, books and refreshments.

UPLYME: Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at Uplyme Village Hall, 9.30am-11.30am. Entry £1. Our ever popular spring plant sale will be offering a wide variety of plants, grown and donated by the Society's members and friends plus an array of miscellaneous gardening items all at affordable prices. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Details 01297 444034 or www.ulrhs.wordpress.com

MONDAY MAY 12TH

BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask) Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola presents 'The Butler' (cert 12A). At Beaminster Public Hall at 7.30pm. Doors 7pm. Tickets £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. To book call 01308 861378 or email carol.dixon@btinternet.com

WEYMOUTH: Martin Young from Nectar Plants returns to Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society to present two short illustrated talks on Hardy Geraniums and Climbers - with a refreshment break between each talk. Members and visitors welcome at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start and there will be plants for sale. Further details available from Julie & Peter on 01305 771533.

BRIDPORT: West Dorset Flower Club will have a floral demonstration by Julia Harrison entitled "Joy of Nature" in the WI Hall, at 2.30 pm. Visitors £4 each.

DORCHESTER: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship from 2.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester when Christine Shaw will be giving a talk on her visit to Ethiopia.

TUESDAY MAY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society will see pictures from the Museum of 'Villages Around Bridport' with Bruce Upton at 2.30 pm in Bridport United Church Main Hall, East Street. All welcome, visitors entrance £2-50". Details from 01308 - 456876

THURSDAY MAY 15TH

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

DORCHESTER: Civil Service Retirement Fellowship Meeting at 10.15am in DYA County Headquarters Hall, Lubbecke Way. Talk 'Dorchester Remembers WW1' by Brian Bates. Membership is open to all retired civil and public servants, but other guests are very welcome. For more details call 01308 420775.

FRIDAY MAY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Market and Plant Sale 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery, plus all kinds of things to buy for your garden and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth & Portland U3A Monthly Meeting. The speaker will be Reverend Stewart Timbrell. He will be giving a humorous talk entitled 'Herbs and the History of Medicine.' At St Aldhelms Church New Hall, Spa Road, from 10am. Organised by Weymouth & Portland U3A.

SATURDAY MAY 17TH

BRIDPORT: For their next concert, The New Elizabethan Singers will return to the great classics when they sing Haydn's "Nelson" Mass and Mozart's "Requiem", accompanied by a full orchestra and professional soloists. It will take place on May 17th in St Mary's Church, South St, starting at 7.30. Tickets (£12, under 16s free) will be available towards the end of April, from Bridport Music and Goadsby, both in South St.

SUNDAY MAY 18TH

WEST MILTON: Open garden, Milton Mill, West Milton, from 1-5pm. A large variety of plants and crafts for sale. Teas in the garden. Raffle. Free admission. Donations to 2 charities, Wawa and The British Red Cross. For more details contact Mary on 01308485207 or thebunneys@powerstock.plus.com

TUESDAY MAY 20TH

UPLYME: Day Visit by coach to Mottisfont Abbey and gardens – National Trust property on the banks of the River Test at Romsey, Hampshire, a romantic country house with art gallery and remains of a 13th century priory. Extensive gardens with ancient trees, riverside walks and walled garden with world-famous rose collection. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society please ring 07831 533580 or 01297 444034 to book Non members most welcome www.ulrhs.wordpress.com

WEDNESDAY MAY 21ST

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society illustrated talk 'Patrimony in the Art Market: Nazi Looted Art' by Ms Shauna Isaac. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, from 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

FRIDAY MAY 23RD - SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society Annual Exhibition at the Malthouse Gallery, Town Mill. Daily 10.30am-5pm. Free admission.

SATURDAY MAY 24TH - SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society will be holding the Annual Exhibition and Sale of members' work including affordable paintings, prints, cards and more at The Malthouse, Lyme Regis. Opening hours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

MONDAY MAY 26TH

BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask) Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BRIDPORT: May Fair on the Millennium Green, Mountfield. The Fair will commence at 12noon; the May Queen will be crowned at 1pm and this will be followed by Maypole Dancing and other entertainment. Refreshments will be served throughout. There will be stalls for crafts and organisations. Anyone wishing to have a stall please telephone Teresa Grinter 01308 425828.

WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Wootton Fitzpaine Fete, 1.30pm. Are you an a Artist, Craftsperson or have a hobby or an interest you would like to showcase at our Village Fete ? Are you a producer or manufacturer with goods to sell? If you are book a table for £12, all tables are under marquee cover, or bring your own Gazebo for £15. Please Call Teresa on 01297 560670. Also calling all Vintage Cars, Bikes, Tractors or Steam Engines we would also like to see at our Fete. There is one free cream tea for the driver. To book your place Please Call Sean on 01297 560670

TUESDAY MAY 27TH - MONDAY JUNE 2ND

LYME REGIS: Exhibition 'Where Land Meets Sea' in the Courtyard Gallery, Town Mill from 10.30am-5pm. Free admission. For more details visit www.townmillartsguild.com

WEDNESDAY MAY 28TH

UPLYME: 'Beauty and the Beast' - an eccentric natural history of Britain by Hugh Warwick (www.urchin.info) - hedgehog loving ecologist and author. At Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. Members free, Non Members £3. Details 01297 444034 or www.ulrhs.wordpress.com. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

BRIDPORT: Coffee morning at the WI Hall Bridport 10-12.30. Stalls, including 50p jumble, cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac and South American Crafts. All proceeds to The British Red Cross. For more details contact Mary on 01308485207 or thebunneys@powerstock.plus.com.

THURSDAY MAY 29TH

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

TUESDAY JUNE 3RD - MONDAY JUNE 23RD

LYME REGIS: Exhibition: Sights, Scene & Sculpture, at Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, DT7 3PU. Daily 10.00am to 5.00pm. Free admission. www.townmillartsguild.com

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A Sprinkling of Stardust for the S&S May Auction

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Auctioneer Mark Lewis is already excited about the prospect of offering the lots for sale.

We have a most eclectic list of property, several of which have not been on the market for many years. For example, The Old Rectory at Winterborne Houghton, which is a fine Victorian village house standing in approximately 3 acres of garden and paddock with huge potential for refurbishment and sympathetic modernisation. Sitting on the top of a hill with lovely views there is a story that the vicar in residence was once so incapacitated that he was taken down and up to the church by Sedan Chair. Being quite a big man the ride home was a bit of a struggle for his helpers!

Worgret Manor at Wareham is a Grade II Listed manor house with consent for change of use from an hotel to a private house and has 13 individually styled bedrooms, all with en suite showers. The guide is £650,000.

In the centre of Sherborne is a lovely 1930s house called Pentire enjoying a delightful garden with off street parking and garaging which is quite unusual for that part of the town. The guide is £300,000 - £350,000. Set in one of the most stunning locations just up the road is Valley View which is a unique chance to design and extend a property in a wonderful location with fabulous views. Set in about 1.62 acres it will be a great project for somebody to take on and has a guide price of £495,000.

In Mill Lane, Preston, Weymouth a unique, detached chalet style residence with separate flat and annexe will be offered at £325,000 to £350,000 whilst a very pretty detached Grade II Listed cottage with gardens and grounds of about 1 acre at Fiddleford is guided at £350,000.

A detached four bedroom cottage in Henstridge with room to improve is for sale with a guide of £230,000 whilst two cottages at Yeovilton, that have just been de-listed by the Local Authority are to be sold with guide prices of £125,000 (1 bedroom) and £150,000 (2 bedroom). Staying in Somerset we have a Grade II Listed character cottage for sale in Crewkerne guided at £95,000 and a most unusual pair of former garages with loft and development potential (STPP) in Castle Cary for £25,000.

In Wiltshire there is a detached two bedroom bungalow requiring modernisation in a popular cul-de-sac corner plot in Warminster for £170,000 and we have land for sale at Whiteparish (near Salisbury) being lovely mature amenity woodland including a carp lake and adjoining meadows. This 10 acres has a guide at £120,000. Other land is available in Merley Park Road, Ashington, Wimborne where 22 acres of gently sloping grazing land with a stream and woodland is guided at £125,000 to £150,000 and 17 acres of pasture land near Sandford Orcas near Sherborne for £110,000. A further 14 acres is for sale at North Cheriton at the same guide, £110,000. At Gussage All Saints near Wimborne a beautiful paddock and chalk stream on the edge of the village is guided at £75,000 for 8 acres and in Gillingham 4.75 acres will be for sale with a guide of £45,000. This land includes a small field shelter.

We also have property for auction on behalf of The Woodland Trust with 3.88 acres at Beer Hackett for £10,000 and 1.81 acres at Charlton Marshall for £5,000.

The sprinkling of stardust, however, is for Marycourt in Child Okeford which is a detached house set in about half an acre. The guide is £525,000 and we are offering the property on behalf of Denise Eckshaw and Harry Pottle who were Set Decorator and Production Designer respectively on a number of films and TV programmes including The Avengers, Anna Karenina, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, You Only Live Twice, Carry on Columbus and 39 Steps.

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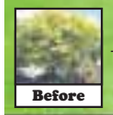
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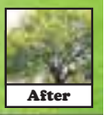
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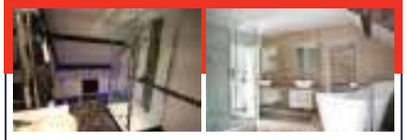

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Nissan announces prices for All-New X-Trail

▲ New Nissan X-Trail

NISSAN has announced full pricing and specifications for the all-new X-Trail – the stylish and dynamic model that will reaffirm the brand's command of the crossover segment when it arrives in UK showrooms this July.

Sporting sleek and modern looks and incorporating a suite of in-class technology firsts, the all-new X-Trail builds on the dependable and accomplished reputation of its predecessor while redefining the compact SUV and further strengthening the Nissan crossover family.

A highly competitive and flexible pricing structure has been developed to ensure the latest iteration appeals in equal measure to both the loyal army of X-Trail devotees and conquest customers.

Prices start from just £22,995 for the entry-level five-seat 2WD Visia, which is £2,600 less than its predecessor, making all-new X-Trail and high-end crossover ownership more accessible than ever. Meanwhile, the five-seat 2WD Acenta, expected to be the most popular model in the range, costs just £24,795 - £800 less than the outgoing entry level Acenta.

Four equipment-packed grades: exceptional flexibility

From launch, the all-new X-Trail will be available in four familiar grades – Visia, Acenta, n-tec and Tekna – giving buyers exceptional flexibility to choose a model that best suits their lifestyle and their budget.

But Nissan's relentless drive for quality ensures the whole range is without compromise. The use of premium materials throughout means each variant has a high quality, luxurious feel and generous equipment levels enhance this further.

Priced from £22,995, Visia models sport stylish 17" alloy wheels and are given further kerb appeal with an eye-catching signature strip of LED daytime running lights.

Inside, an array of technological features including Bluetooth connectivity and an MP3 compatible sound system with AUX-IN, air conditioning, heated door mirrors, follow-me-home lighting and an electric parking brake are also among the equipment included as standard.

The all-new X-Trail features one of the most advanced meter displays yet seen, with 5 inch TFT colour display incorporating 12 graphic displays accessible on rotation offering advice and warnings including average and actual speeds, navigation turn-by-turn instructions, audio content, traffic sign recognition, eco driving advice and torque distribution settings in 4WD mode.

Moving up through the range the Acenta, priced from £24,795, adds privacy glass, dual zone climate control, electric folding mirrors, a power sunroof, automatic lights and wipers and front and rear parking sensors to the lengthy equipment list.

Both the Visia and Acenta models come with the option of a Smart Vision Pack that adds many of the most desirable driver aids and safety enhancements in one convenient and affordable package. Priced at £495, the Visia Smart Vision Pack adds automatic lights, High Beam Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Forward Emergency Braking, Traffic Sign Recognition and front and rear parking sensors to the standard equipment. Meanwhile, the Acenta Smart Vision Pack, which costs £450, adds High Beam Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Forward Emergency Braking and Traffic Sign Recognition to the standard specs.

Buyers choosing the n-tec, which starts at £27,295, get everything included on the Acenta with Smart Vision Pack plus a wealth of additional goodies including 19" alloys, intelligent i-Key locking with push-button ignition, DAB radio, roof rails, power tailgate, Around View Monitor giving 360-degree view around the car and the latest generation NissanConnect system with smartphone integration and built-in apps.

Meanwhile, the range-topping Tekna, which is priced from £29,295, adds even more luxury and technology, including Bi-LED headlamps, heated leather seats and an electric driver's seat with lumbar support. A number of additional safety features such as a Blind Spot Warning and Driver Attention Alert are also included, as is Nissan's ingenious Park Assist automatic parking feature.

▲ New Nissan X-Trail

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All-New Peugeot 108 Hatch and Top! Prices and Specs Revealed

Full details on one of the most eagerly anticipated new cars of 2014 – the all-new PEUGEOT 108 – are revealed.

The sophisticated and chic city car is available in three and five-door Hatch or TOP! Cabrio body styles and with a choice of two fuel-efficient and low-emissions petrol engines. These include PEUGEOT's recently unveiled PureTech naturally aspirated three-cylinder unit.

Personalisation will be a key element of the 108's appeal to customers, with a huge range of colours, ambiences, trims and themes.

The new model is also a technical 'tour de force', bringing desirable new comfort and convenience features to the city car sector. These include a 7-inch touch-screen infotainment system with DAB digital radio, Mirror Screen with MirrorLink™ technology and Bluetooth connectivity for smartphones and the safety benefit of steering wheel-mounted controls.

Until very recently, such features were reserved for premium saloons costing considerably more than the PEUGEOT 108. Yet this elegant and desirable new city car will offer exceptional value for money. Prices start at just £8,245 on the road.

The car is available in PEUGEOT's familiar four trim levels – Access, Active, Allure and Feline. On the 108 Hatch, Access is only available on three-door models. Standard features include LED daytime running lights, remote central locking, USB/aux connection for external audio players with steering wheel-mounted controls, six airbags, ESP stability control and two rear ISOFIX mountings.

Active models add colour-coded door handles and mirrors, air-conditioning, height-adjustable driver's seat, 7-inch touch-screen infotainment system with DAB digital radio, Mirror Screen and Bluetooth.

The Allure model takes the standard spec up another notch, with 15-inch 'Thorren' alloy wheels, front fog lights, auto headlights, electric heated door mirrors, reversing camera, leather steering wheel and gear knob, plus PEUGEOT Open & Go (keyless entry and engine start/stop button).

The flagship PEUGEOT 108 is in Feline trim, which adds a touch of luxury. Features include leather upholstery, chrome door handles and mirrors and automatic dual zone air conditioning.

For the first time, PEUGEOT's smallest car is available with a retractable fabric roof, which can be opened and closed electrically at any speed. Called the 108 TOP!, it's available in Active and Allure trims. Active cars have colour-coded door handles and mirrors, manual air conditioning, electric front windows, height adjustable driver's seat, 7-inch touch-screen infotainment system with Mirror Screen, DAB digital radio, Bluetooth and steering wheel-mounted controls.

Allure adds 15-inch 'Thorren' alloy wheels, front fog lamps, auto headlights, tinted rear windows, reversing camera, electric heated door mirrors and PEUGEOT Open & Go.

Both the 108 Hatch and TOP! come with a choice of two petrol engines. They are a 1.0-litre 68bhp with 95g/km of CO2 (88g/km with Stop and Start), or a 1.2-litre PureTech VTi 82bhp with 99g/km of CO2. A five-speed manual transmission is mated to both engines, with the option of a 2-Tronic semi-automatic gearbox on the 1.0-litre.

Prices start at £8,245 on the road for the PEUGEOT 108 Hatch 1.0-litre Access three-door. Active models begin at £9,495, Allure at £10,995 and Feline at £11,845. 108 TOP! Cabrio models are priced from just £10,345 for the 1.0-litre Active three-door (only a £850 price walk from the equivalent Hatch version), rising to £12,245 for the 1.2-litre Allure five-door.

Eight vibrant body colours and three roof colours are included in the 108's standard palette. Customers will be encouraged to design a car to fit their style, so personalisation choices will be wide and varied. Optional extras start at just £100 for an Aikinite ambience, which consists of a dash insert and gloss black surround on the centre console. Diamond, Kilt, Barcode, Dressy, Tattoo and Sport personalisation themes will cost only £350, while Purple Berry / Zircon Grey two-tone paint with Dual personalisation theme is just £850.

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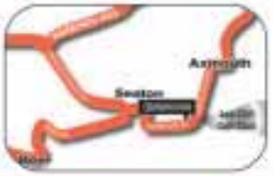

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Brake welcomes tougher penalties for unlicensed drivers who kill and injure

JUSTICE secretary Chris Grayling MP today announced that disqualified drivers who kill and injure will face much tougher sentences, with a maximum of 10 years for those who kill and four years for those who seriously injure. The current maximum sentence is only two years for a death, and there is no specific offence for causing a serious injury while disqualified.

The justice secretary also announced his intention to conduct a full review of driving offences and penalties. Visit the Ministry of Justice news page to see the announcement in full.

Reacting, Julie Townsend, deputy chief executive, Brake, said: "Brake has long campaigned for a shake-up of charges and penalties for risky and irresponsible drivers who kill and injure on our roads. Brake supports families who have been deeply and permanently affected by selfish and risky behaviour at the wheel and we frequently hear from these families that they feel terribly let down by our justice system. As such, we strongly welcome Chis Grayling's announcement of a thorough review this year.

The paltry sentences handed out for deaths and injuries caused by disqualified drivers, who have no right to be on the road in the first place, are one of the worst injustices in the current system, and Brake strongly welcomes the government's move to address this. Getting behind the wheel when you have been banned from driving is a deliberate and illegal choice, and too often leads to devastating tragedies - the penalties must reflect this."

Find out more about Brake's Crackdown campaign for tougher penalties for drivers who kill and injure. Tweet us @Brakecharity, #Crackdown.

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Brake is a national road safety charity that exists to stop the needless deaths and serious injuries that happen on roads every day, make streets and communities safer for everyone, and care for families bereaved and injured in road crashes. Brake promotes road safety awareness, safe and sustainable road use, and effective road safety policies. We do this through national campaigns, community education, a Fleet Safety Forum, practitioner services, and by coordinating the UK's flagship road safety event every November, Road Safety Week. Brake is a national, government-funded provider of support to families and individuals devastated by road death and serious injury, including through a helpline and support packs.

Brake was founded in the UK in 1995, and now has domestic operations in the UK and New Zealand, and works globally to promote action on road safety.

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Lyme Bantams confirmed as Division Three Champions

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DIVISION ONE
Forton Rangers 0 Perry Street Res 7 (B.Cleal 4, D.O'Connor 2, J.Stewart).
DIVISION THREE
Millwey Rise Res 1 (G.Venn)
Lyme Regis Bantams 2 (D.Poole, N.Turner).
DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res 2 (M.Druce 2)
Uplyme Res 3 (C.Coles 2, OG).

Wednesday, April 30th
DIVISION ONE
Uplyme 3 (J.Bearpark 2, B.Bryant) Lyme Regis Res 3 (P.Peacock, R.Evans, R.Turner).

KEN HODGES FINAL
Crewkerne Rangers Res 0
Merriott Dyn 1 (D.Anjos) *(at Drimpton)*
DIVISION ONE
Uplyme 3 (J.Bearpark 2, B.Bryant) Lyme Regis Res 3 (P.Peacock, R.Evans, R.Turner)

Thursday, May 1st
JOHN FOWLER CUP FINAL
Drimpton P Ilminster Town A P
(*at Bridport*) Waterlogged
PREMIER
Lyme Regis P Combe Res P
Waterlogged
DIVISION TWO
Thorncombe v Crewkerne Rangers

MIDWEEK ROUND-UP

A TIRED and deflated Lyme Regis first team squad fell to a 2-1 defeat at Shepton Beauchamp on **Tuesday** evening.

The hosts went 2-0 ahead before Joe Bond continued his fine goal scoring form.

But thoughts of the confirmed eight-point deduction made for a hollow performance as Crewkerne were officially confirmed as league champions.

There was better new from Lyme Bantams who took the lead through player-manager Darren Poole in their must-win encounter at Millwey Rise Reserves.

Rise grabbed what looked like being the goal that would dash the Seasiders Division Three title hopes when Gary Venn scrambled the ball home in the 87th minute.

But there was still time for substitute Nathan Turner to head home at the far post for the Seasiders who now had to hope that Drimpton didn't win at Hawkchurch United on Saturday if they are to get their hands on the silverware.

Meanwhile, two goals from Man-of-the-Match Craig Coles and an own goal saw Uplyme Reserves clamber off the foot of the Division Four table with a gutsy 3-2 win at wooden-spoon rivals Chard Rangers Reserves.

Wednesday brought the much-anticipated Division One local-derby at Venlake between Uplyme and Lyme Regis Reserves.

The Seasiders went into the game hunting the win that would keep alive their Division One title hopes.

All looked well when Ryan Turner netted from close range after the ball had struck the crossbar three times in an amazing passage of play. Rhys Evans coolly guided home a second to put Lyme in control at the break.

Pete Peacock then pounced after keeper Sam Kapur had spilled a cross to make it 3-0. But

DERBY GOALS: *Jake Bearpark scored twice as Uplyme battled back from 3-0 down to take a point against Lyme Regis Reserves.*

the hosts weren't beaten.

A Jake Bearpark free-kick from way out missed everybody and crept in at the far post to reduce the arrears.

Bearpark then struck again before substitute Brandon Bryant netted the 81st minute equaliser in a thrilling match.

Thursday's storm saw Lyme Regis' scheduled premier Division visit by relegation-haunted Combe Reserves washed-out.

Saturday, May 3rd
ARTHUR GAGE FINAL
PERRY ST RES 2 S.PETHERTON 1
(*at Farway*)

BOTH managers agreed that Perry Street Reserves may just have been more than a little fortunate to get their hands on their second piece of silverware in an impressive season.

"It was hard fought with not much football played on a small pitch. They (Petherton) were stronger and a threat at set-pieces, but we had the fresher legs," said Street boss Andy Bond

"I'm not sure we deserved the win but we're not complaining!"

Petherton were on top for the opening half hour but Sam Bond headed Street ahead from a corner in 32nd minute and his side finished the half the stronger.

Jody Bovey levelled things up after the restart with his 30th goal of the season.

But the winner came in the 88th minute when substitute Freddie Holley's cross shot was turned into his own net by Jon Fullerton.

"We created several good chances that we eventually paid the penalty for not taking, " said a disappointed Pethy boss Karl Diment.

Street could clinch a superb treble by winning the Division one title when the teams met again at Lightgate Lane yesterday.

PREMIER
LYME REGIS 1 MILLWEY RISE 1

THE local-derby at the Davey Fort on Saturday ended honours even which, with Combe Reserves winning at Ilminster, resulted in Millwey Rise being relegated back down to Division Two.

The Seasiders took the lead in the 67th minute when Rhys Evans latched onto a Joe Bond through ball and slotted past Ash Hall in the Rise goal.

But Millwey banked a point when a Brad-Lee Miller corner fell to Mark Pike who stabbed the ball home.

The point sees Lyme in contention for a runners-up spot finish.

MISTERTON 1 CREWKERNE TOWN 8

NEWLY crowned champions Crewkerne Town rounded off their season in fine style with a 8-1 thrashing of neighbours Misterton.

TITLE WINNER: *Mark Hodder and joint-manager Darren Poole have guided Lyme Regis Bantams to Division Three glory.*

Dave John and Adam Dawe both netted hat-tricks while their were singles from Jamie Spurdle and Brad Miles as the Tigers racked up their 10th consecutive win.

Phil Hill netted the Misterton consolation.

W & M CHINNOCK 0 BEAMINSTER 5

MURRAY Legg (2), James Dudgeon (2) and Ryan Sweetman scored the goals as Beaminster had few problems against nine-man West & Middle Chinnock.

ILMINSTER RES 0 COMBE RES 2

SECOND-half goals from Jordan Allen and Dan Fry ensured Combe Reserves avoid relegation. The result at the Davey Fort also means Ilminster are safe too.

DIVISION ONE
UPLYME P BEAMINSTER RES P

BEAMINSTER Reserves once again failed to raise a team for the trip to face Uplyme.

DIVISION TWO
CHARD UTD 3 CHARMOUTH 0

AFTER a promising first-half of the season Charmouth had to be content with fifth place finish as opponents Chard United finally clinched the Division Two title.

CREWK RANG 0 WAYTOWN HNDS 0

WAYTOWN kept alive their hopes of third place with their first goal less draw of the season after a hard fought encounter at Wadham School.

DIVISION THREE
HAWKCHURCH UTD 0 DRIMPTON 0

DRIMPTON's failure to win at Hawkchurch on Saturday means Lyme Regis Bantams, out in force watching on the sidelines, were confirmed as Division Three champions.

The Bantams will be hoping to complete a memorable double when they take on Forton Rangers Reserves in the Daisy Hutchings cup final at Perry Street on Friday evening (6.15pm ko).

DIVISION FOUR
UPLYME RES 3 THORNCOMBE RES 8

DESPITE being well beaten at home by Thorncombe Reserves results in midweek means Uplyme Reserves have avoided the PSDL's wooden spoon position.

Harry Robson, Niall Fifer and Steve Prendeville bagged the Swallows goals.

RESULTS
ARTHUR GAGE FINAL
Perry Street Res 2 South Petherton 1
PREMIER
Lyme Regis 1 Millwey Rise 1
Misterton 1 Crewkerne Town 8
W & M Chinnock 0 Beaminster 5
Ilminster Res 0 Combe Res 2
DIVISION ONE
Uplyme p Beaminster p
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd 3 Charmouth 0
Crewkerne Rangers 0 Waytown Hnds 0
Dowlish & Donyatt 0 Luso-Chard 9
DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res 6 Millwey Res 3
Hawkchurch Utd 0 Drimpton 0
DIVISION FOUR
Combe B 4 Misterton Res 0
Merriott Dyn 0 Kingsbury 3

Monday, May 5th
JACK VENN CUP FINAL
THORNCOMBE 1 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 0

ALEX Clist scored the only goal in the 58th minute of an evenly contested final played at Combe

CHANCES: *John Legg went close twice for Waytown Hounds in their Jack Venn cup final defeat against Thorncombe on Monday.*

as Thorncombe put the disappointment of being beaten in the final for the last two seasons behind them.

Waytown were the better of the two sides early on, when Jon Legg had two good chances to put them ahead.

The first came in the 12th minute as Matt Read burst through on the right, crossed into the box and Legg put his shot over from eight yards.

On 20 minutes a cross from left was met by Legg who headed straight at Jake Hardiman.

Thorncombe had the better of the second-half and after scoring could have increased their lead in the 71st minute when Wayne Stanton saw keeper Lee Cuff off his line and tried a chip shot from 25 yards, but it went just over the bar.

Waytown's best effort came in the 79th minute when Steve Masters ran through a static defence only to put his shot inches over.

LAST NIGHT (Tuesday) May 6th
PREMIER
Lyme Regis v Beaminster
DIVISION FOUR
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Kingsbury

Tonight (Wednesday), May 7th
PREMIER
Combe Res v W & M Chinnock
DIVISION ONE
South Petherton v Perry Street Res
Uplyme v Beaminster Res

Thursday, May 8th
JOHN FOWLER CUP FINAL
Drimpton v Ilminster Town A
(at Bridport - 7.30pm ko)
PREMIER
Misterton v Lyme Regis
DIVISION FOUR
Crewk Rangers Res v Farway Utd Res

Friday, May 9th
DAISY HUTCHINGS FINAL
Forton Reserves v Lyme Regis Bantams
(*at Perry Street 6.15ko*)
DIVISION TWO
Thorncombe v Crewkerne Rangers

Saturday, May 10th
PREMIER
Lyme Regis v Combe Res (2pm)
DIVISION ONE
Lyme Regis Res v Uplyme (4.15pm)
Perry Street Res v Barrington
DIVISION TWO
Waytown Hounds v S.Petherton Res
DIVISION FOUR
Combe B v Kingsbury Episcopi
Thorncombe Res v Misterton Res
Uplyme Res v Hinton

As they stand

Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town (C)	20	54	50
Lyme Regis	17	33	37
Beaminster	19	24	37
Shepton Beau	20	34	36
Misterton	19	-2	30
W & M Chinnock	19	-9	26
Perry Street	20	3	24
Combe Res*	18	-15	21
Ilminster Res	20	-20	21
Millwey Rise (R)	20	-10	20
Winsham Utd (R)	20	-91	1

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
South Petherton	17	35	39
Lyme Regis Res	17	30	39
Perry Street Res	16	49	38
Barrington	17	11	22
Pymore	18	-11	22
Forton Rangers	18	-12	22
Farway Utd	18	-17	20
Netherbury	18	-9	19
Uplyme (R)	16	-19	10
Beaminster Res* (R)	17	-57	5

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd (C)	20	37	46
Luso-Chard* (P)	20	54	44
Thorncombe	19	17	36
Waytown Hounds	19	22	34
Charmouth	20	12	32
Combe A	20	4	28
Crewkerne Rangers	19	0	27
Crewkerne Res	20	-30	21
Ilminster Town Colts	20	-34	19
Dowlish & Don (R)	20	-33	13
S.Petherton Res* (R)	19	-50	3

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Lyme Bantams (C)	18	20	37
Drimpton (P)	18	19	37
Barrington Res	18	27	35
Chard Utd Res	18	11	35
Hawkchurch Utd	18	20	30
Shepton Beau Res	18	2	26
Millwey Rise Res	18	0	25
Ilminster Town A	18	-28	16
Winsham Utd Res (R)	18	-41	11
Chard Rangers	18	-30	6

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Dyn (P)	20	64	47
Kingsbury Ep (P)	18	44	46
Thorncombe Res	19	31	42
Forton Res*	20	35	40
Combe B*	19	25	34
Misterton Res*	19	-8	25
Crewk Rangers Res	18	-21	21
Uplyme Res*	19	-36	12
Chard Rangers Res	20	-46	12
Farway Utd Res	19	-56	10
Hinton St George*	19	-32	9

= Pts deducted (P/R etc assumes 2up/2down where possible)

TOP SCORERS

Premier Division: Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne) 36, Joe Bond (Lyme Regis) 27, Liam Riste (Perry Street) 21, Levi Hoole (Millwey Rise) 20.

Division One: Jody Bovey (South Petherton) 30, Dan Collins (Perry Street Res) 28, Pete Peacock (Lyme Regis Reserves *20*.

Division Two: Igor Costa (Luso-Chard) 24, Alex Clist (Thorncombe) 18, Warren Gabbidon (Combe A), Lee Fisher (Thorncombe) both 17.

Division Three: Gethyn Jenkins (Barrington Res) 22, Chris Lang (Barrington Res) 17.

Division Four: Kieran Adams (Merriott) 29, Nigel Jeffereys (Kingsbury) 25, Barry Hayne (Merriott) 23, Scott Jennings (Merriott) 20, Luke Monk (Kingsbury) 19.

Southcombe superb in Stableford

IN the Lyme Regis Golf Club's **Junior Stableford** George Seed finished on top with a brilliant 39 points *writes Richard Jackman*

He just eclipsed Dominic Beardwood, who is establishing the family golfing reputation, also on 39 points, with Cameron Moss lying 3rd with 36 points.

In the **Andrew Black 4 Ball Better Ball**, four pairs all scored 40 points so using countback Todd Larcombe & Mark Taylor won from Neal Cullen & Brian Rees in second with Steven Southgate & Christopher Binding 3rd and in fourth place George Seed & Jon Ebdon

Although the ladies competition was washed out on Thursday a number of Lyme Regis ladies entered the **Dorset Ladies County** competitions.

Jane Southcombe won through the 1st round in the Dorset County Championship. Jane Dixon came in with the 2nd best nett score of 72 and 2nd best gross score of 84 in the Dorset county Silver Spring meeting on Tuesday.

Rosie Jackman played in the Johnstone cup and came in with the 2nd best net score of 73. Well done ladies.

Special congratulations to Jane Southcombe who played in the **Senior Women's Amateur Championship** last week.

After two days of stroke play over 36 holes she was in 3rd position having scored a gross of 77 both days (the course CSS was 76). She was then through to the Championship match play of the 16 lowest scores.

Lyme had mixed fortunes against Sherborne, winning the seniors match at Sherborne but losing the **Hardy B cup** game at home.

Lyme Regis Bowls Club

WITH PAUL MOFFITT

THE first games were been played in the leagues with success for the men but disappointment for the ladies.

The men had a good 8-2 win against Weymouth Melcombe Regis in the championship, but unfortunately the score was reversed for the ladies against Green Hill, a club against whom they had considerable success last season.

All the league sides will be in action this coming week plus a few members will be making their initial forays into various county competitions.

On the friendly front it was win one lose one, with the success coming at Severalls and defeat away to Merriott.

On Saturday the club held it's annual open day and were blessed with fine weather but failed to attract alarge numbers of would-be bowlers.

Dorset Men's Championship
Lyme 61 Melcombe Regis 47
Don Meylan ,Peter Eagles, Ken Hickman, Paul Moffitt 28-12; Trevor All man, Mick Heneghan, Alan Weech, Charlie Barber 14-21; John Eaton, Steve Pomeroy, Barry Rattenbury, Paul Pomeroy 19-14.

◆ *The individual team scores for the ladies' game against Green Hill were unavailable but, Chris Barber's team was the only successful rink.*

Lyme Regis 86 Severalls 55
K Faragher,A Rattenbury, R Hobbs, E Skeemer 19-10; C Clissold, J Kesterton, A Allman, A Preece 26-12; B Smith, P Stephens, T Allman, N Stephens 33-10; D Perry, A Foster, G Clode, K Clissold 8-23.

Lyme Regis 68 Merriott 88
D Read, J Varnish, J Moseley, R Hobbs 23-16; M Knight, S Wood, T Payne, E Skeemer 15-22; P Knight, J Owen, G Clode, D Wood 9-31; R Turpin,A Nabarro, A Rattenbury, A Preece 21-19.

Cricket - A View From the boundary

WITH STUART BROOM

Century opening stand for Dorch

Dinnison off to a flier with half dozen scalps - Runyard runs through Bruton

DESPITE glorious sunshine for the opening day of the new cricket season, several games had to be cancelled due to wet pitches.

The terrific floods of the winter has meant that the ground has not recovered enough yet and rain in the lead up last week left several wickets still too wet to play on with local games at Beaminster, Bridport and Symene all affected.

Fortunately Cattistock's investment in covers over the winter paid dividends, and the game against Beaminster was switched so it could be played with Cattistock victorious.

Weymouth could not stop Parley continuing where they left off last season by winning, but there was cheer for both Dorchester and Martinstown who both won.

Dorset Funeral Plan League
Premier League1
PARLEY 118-4 BEAT WEYMOUTH 117 ALL OUT BY 6 WICKETS

DESPITE Matt Lawes (2-33) trapping Rob Viney lbw with the second ball of Parley's reply, Weymouth could not contain the league champions who opened the new season with a comfortable six wicket win over Weymouth at Dean Park, as Tom Jacques (54) and Adam Cocking (34) put on 97 for the second wicket.

On a slow wicket Weymouth's new skipper Kieron Womble decided to bat and although Lawes (19) and Womble (21) put up good resistance early on, the introduction of left arm spinner Dominic Clutterbuck (4-19) ripped out the middle order, although Tom England gathered 21 before he was run out.

Weymouth found it difficult to get the ball off the square using all but four of their 50 over allocation to reach 117 all out.

Womble said: "It was a difficult start. The wicket and outfield were both slow and with the batsmen a bit out of form due to lack of game time we found it very difficult to get the ball away, although the fact that we used up almost 46 overs showed some resilience.

"However we bowled quite well at times and with another 50 more runs it might have made it interesting.

Matt claimed a wicket a wicket with his second ball which was encouraging and we kept chipping away, but I was very impressed with everyone's attitude which was positive and their commitment which bodes well for the season."

Premier League 2
SHROTON 40 ALL OUT LOST TO DORCHESTER 241ALL OUT BY 201 RUNS

DORCHESTER made the best possible start to regaining their place in the Dorset Premier League 1 with a convincing 201 run win over Shroton.

Having set the hosts a target of 242 to win skipper Dan Belt and James Dunham bagged four wickets apiece as they dismissed them for just 40 all out.

Vice-captain Pete Moxom (52) and will Caldwell gave the county town a superb start with an opening stand of 114, and with debutant Fergus Guppy (34) and Belt (32) to follow they reached 191-3 before the home bowlers started to gain a foothold.

However, Sean Fitzgerald weighed in with a late 25 and with 44 extras, Dorchester cruised to 241 all out.

Shroton were on the back foot from the first ball of their innings when Belt (4-13 from six overs) had Lowe caught behind by Fitzgerald, and at 7-3 the writing was on the wall. Only opener M Doble with 17 mustered any resistance, extras with 12 being the next highest score and with Dunham (4-19 from seven overs) and Aussie debutant Eamonn Scott (2-4) also in top form, Shroton capitulated in just 15 overs.

Belt who is hoping his side can bounce back at the first attempt said: "You couldn't have asked for a much better start really. Right from the first ball with Pete and Will putting on over a hundred, and from then on a few of us getting a few as well pushed us towards the 240 total which was good; I was pleased with anything over 200 because it was a wet wicket, very slow and green.

"Then with me getting a wicket with the first ball it set the tone for the innings really and from then on we picked up wickets regularly.

"It's hard to judge the performance against the rest of the season at this stage, as it was a wet wicket and we can't expect every game to be that easy.

"Obviously we have the benefit having come down a league, so it will be interesting to see how we do this Saturday against Blandford."

SHERBORNE 134 ALL OUT LOST TO MARTINSTOWN 138-7 BY 3 WICKETS

MARTINSTOWN made a brilliant start to their season in Premier League 2.

Despite having finished fourth in the old Division One they did not win any of the five games they played against the three sides that finished above them; something that they were disappointed not to have done.

They put that right on Saturday when they visited Sherborne who won their league, and came away with a very well earned three wicket victory.

Winning the toss new skipper Ed Nichols invited Sherborne to bat on a damp wicket. Despite a good opening 16 over spell from Luke Read (1-35) and Teddy Andrews (2-24), Sherborne openers Luke Hancock and Andrew Nurton had made a steady putting on 45.

However, the introduction of the spinners saw the breakthrough with Josh Ashton (2-22) claiming both before Lock fell to Jamie Crawford (1-31).

Ryan Chase (4-16 from 10 overs) then claimed two victims in his first over, another in his second and then a fourth as Sherborne slumped to 85-7.

Tim Durston (27) and Paul Hancock (10 not out) launched a mini revival which was halted by a Read yorker, before Andrews returned to mop up the tail to leave Sherborne 134 all out.

Nichols (7) and Dave Herbert (16) gave Martinstown a solid start before Nurton (2-23) removed them both and when Sam Kershaw departed without scoring, they were in a little trouble at 33-3.

Lee House (14) and Tom Adams (43) steadied the ship with a consolidating partnership before another flurry of wickets left it to Crawford (15 not out) and Chase (6 not out) to see them home with 12 overs to spare.

Nichols said: "We are delighted to finally beat one of the best sides in the division; it was like getting a monkey off our backs. It was a difficult wicket; the type which we don't usually excel on.

"The seamers (Read and Andrews) bowled well early on without much reward, but Ryan Chase's spin bowling was the highlight. His control, flight and turn were outstanding.

"It was a bit nervy chasing on that wicket, but the batsmen were positive and Tom Adams responded with a responsible innings when it was needed."

County Division Two
BEAMINSTER 131 ALL OUT LOST TO CATTISTOCK 208 ALL OUT BY 77 RUNS

CATTISTOCK benefitted from the new covers they purchased in the summer by being able to switch their opening fixture to their ground after the Memorial Ground wicket was deemed too wet.

Beaminster won the toss and elected to field and some tight bowling from Ade Phillips(1-25) and Ross Baker (1-33) saw Cattistock's openers Jon Legg (32) and Martin Langford (8) struggling for runs and after 20 overs the hosts were 62-2 with one wicket each for the opening bowlers.

Leg spinner Jack Walklett (2-56) came on and bowled excellently in his opening spell to remove Mark Walbridge and captain Ben Golledge each for a single leaving Cattistock on 90-4.

Mike White was then joined by Matt Damen whose aggressive play saw the ball smashed to all parts of the ground, scoring heavily off of Beaminster's spinners.

They added 107 for the fifth wicket before Damen was dismissed for 51 (6 sixes and 2 fours) by Dave Percy (2-10) who also finally bowled White for a superb 89 which included 3 sixes and 8 fours.

Simon Jones (3-22) weighed in as they cleaned out the Cattistock tail and the innings closed on 208 in the last over.

In reply Jones and Dan Hillier negotiated the opening bowlers comfortably and took the score up to 41 before Hillier (19) was bowled by Martin Langford (2-15 off 10 overs).

But the rest of the batsmen struggled against Legg (3-18), Buddy Langford (2-7) and Damen (2-9), particularly when Jones was dismissed for 32 with only skipper Rich Runyard (23) managing a respectable score as the Beaminster's innings closed on 131.

DORCHESTER 2ND 67 ALL OUT LOST TO PORTLAND RT 160 ALL OUT BY 93 RUNS

DORCHESTER 2nds packed with young players crashed to defeat against Portland RT. Their cause wasn't helped by captain Stuart Beasley picking up a side strain after five overs which will see him sidelined this Saturday at least.

Portland RT had Simon Proffitt to thank for their total; he made 75 but was dropped when on 30. Although Dorchester fielded and bowled well, particularly Pete Phillips who took four wickets, they didn't have the experience to deal with the visitors.

County Division Three
BRIDPORT V CHRISTCHURCH 2ND MATCH CANCELLED (GROUND UNFIT)

County Division Four
PORTLAND RT 2ND 160-5 BEAT COFE MULLEN 2ND 156-5 BY 5 WICKETS

PORTLAND RT 2nds got their season off to the best possible start with a comfortable win against Corfe Mullen 2nds, although things didn't begin well for Triangle as influential skipper Grant Neven had to withdraw from the game with a stomach bug minutes before the start.

Having elected to bat Corfe lost a wicket in the second over to a fine catch from Lawry West off the bowling of veteran Jodie Locke and they continued to find runs hard to come by as Tom Dalkins (8-3-13-0) produced an excellent spell.

Some heavy hitting from Bolt (30) and Thompson (25) however in the last five overs enabled Corfe to post a respectable 156-5.

Portland's openers West (14) and David Males (34) got Portland's reply of to a steady start as they keep up with the required run rate.

Chris Theakstone (72) then produced a cultured innings that never left the result in doubt and despite losing more wickets it was left to Dalkins (4 no) to hit the winning runs with powerful drive to the boundary with 6 overs to spare.

Skipper Grant Neven was impressed with an excellent all round display and added: "A good win to start the season. Although credit to both Tom and Chris, but saying that the whole team produced the goods. Luke Strong (4-0-8-0) bowled well on his debut and Tony Morris (5-0-21-2) has given the regular bowlers something to think about.

"We were a little rusty at times and will need to improve week in week out; a task that I feel all are up to."

County Division Five
CHARLTON DOWN 155-5 BEAT CHALKE VALLEY 154 ALL OUT BY 5 WICKETS

CHARLTON Down opened their 2014 season with a crushing five wicket victory over last season's Division Six champions Chalke Valley who had narrowly pipped them to the title.

Electing to bat Chalke Valley was soon in trouble; Matt Stevens bowling the dangerous Hitchings. Captain Andy Mercer (12) after bringing up the Valley 50 then fell to debutant Rich Fagence (4-35) caught at mid off by Tommy Tucker, and his tight bowling together with Nick Voss (1-16) meant the Valley batsmen could not build partnerships and wickets fell at regular intervals.

A fantastic two handed diving catch by Jae Miller at mid on to remove Goodchild, and the wicket of Butler (8), bowled by another debutant Kim Park(1-41) saw the visitors on 110-5. Some hard hitting from Giles Willoughby took then to 130-5 after 25 overs with a big score looking imminent but the introduction of Tucker (2-3) brought the end of Willoughby (39) bowled through the gate, soon followed by Hill in a double wicket maiden, to leave the score on 138-8. Stevens and Voss then returned to claim a wicket each with Miller producing another great one handed catch to end Chalke Valley's innings at 154 all out in the 32nd over.

Charlton Down needed a solid opening batting performance to dent the renowned bowling attack and debutant James Franzen (17) and Miller did a great job putting on 43 before Franzen was brilliantly caught. Miller (26) brought up the Charlton 50 with a delightful cover drive to the boundary in the 10th over but top edged a ball to leave then 69-2.

The match winning partnership of 54 came from the talented 16 year old Matt Stevens (24) and experienced Javed Gill (39). Stevens played solidly and produced some elegant driving off front and back feet until he was adjudged lbw to Willoughby on 123-3 before Jack Eveleigh was dismissed following a brilliant catch from wicketkeeper.

Gill followed in the next over, spooning a catch to mid off at 139-5 but his dogged defence mixed with explosive hitting had already done the damage, and it was left to John Clancy and Kim Park to knock off the remaining runs in only the 26th over and seal an emphatic victory.

Captain Tommy Tucker said: "What a great start to the season and opening fixtures don't come harder than this one after they thrashed us last year and went onto win the league.

"It was great to see the evergreen Rich Fagence making his Saturday debut, helped by some great catches by Jae Miller.

"The young bowlers Matt Stevens and Nick Voss bowled really well and Rob Deadman behind the stumps produced a great performance.

The batting was good to watch as Javed Gill and Matt Stevens 54 run partnership sealed the win. But Franzen and Miller nullified the good early bowling attack which fell away badly as the winning post grew nearer, producing 40 wides!"

MARTINSTOWN 2ND 55 ALL OUT LOST TO BROADSTONE 4TH 258-7 BY 203 RUNS

County Division Six
WIMBORNE & COLEHILL 4TH V BEAMINSTER 2ND MATCH CANCELLED (GROUND UNFIT)

Sunday Division One
PORTLAND RT 188 ALL OUT BEAT WINTON 143 ALL OUT BY 45 RUNS

Sunday Division Four
SYMENE V BROADSTONE 2ND MATCH CANCELLED (GROUND UNFIT)

Portland RT 2nd
SHILLINGSTONE 99 ALL OUT LOST TO PORTLAND RT 2ND 148 ALL OUT BY 49 RUNS

Readers Mid-Wessex League
Division One
BROADWINDSOR 98-0 BEAT BRUTON 97 ALL OUT BY 10 WICKETS

CHAMPIONS Broadwindsor showed last season's Division Two winners that life won't be easy in the top echelon.

Captain Adie Phillips (3-22) won the toss and invited Bruton to bat and along with Richie Runyard with an early fifer (5-31) skittled them out for 97.

Chris Park (48 not out) and Steve Phillips (36 not out) showed promising early form with the bat to knock the runs off in less than 20 overs.

Top three batsmen: Mike White (Cattistock) 89; Chris Theakstone (Portland RT 2nd) 72; Pete Moxom (Dorchester) 52.
Top three bowlers: Richie Runyard (Broadwindsor) 5-31; Dan Belt (Dorchester) 4-13; Ryan Chase (Martinstown) 4-16.

Dinnison makes an Impact

Devon League
UPLYME & LYME REGIS 2NDS 40-3 BEAT HONITON 2NDS 39 ALL OUT BY SEVEN WICKETS

A HONITON XI were dismissed for 39 at Uplyme in the first Devon League match of the season.

Unable to host the corresponding 1st XI fixture at Honiton due to a wet wicket, the visitors brought over a strong XI for the reverse 2nd XI game.

Uplyme countered in turn by including their two Australian players, Nick Dennison and Charlie Warner. And it was Dennison with his left arm fast medium pace who ripped through the Honiton top order with an opening spell that returned superb figures of 6 overs, 3 maidens 6 wickets for 5 runs.

Only opener Pete Matraver showed any resistance to Dennison's pace but when he went, brilliantly caught at third slip, by colt Wesley Holmes a collapse followed and Honiton slumped from 20 for 3 to 39 all out.

Wallace Blackmore acted as support bowler and chipped in with one for 21 from his six overs whilst young Daley Holmes mopped up the tail with figures of 2 for 9. The remaining wicket was a run out well executed by Steve Batey and wicket keeper Alfie Bellworthy

Eddie Clarke and Tyler Wellman made a steady start in reply against the pace of Kev Kelly and the experience of Phil Tansley.

Wellman mistimed a drive on the drying wicket and was caught in the covers for 8.

Dave Norman then went without scoring with the score on 11, giving Honiton hope of further wickets.

This was soon ended as Wesley Holmes came to the wicket intent on taking the game to them. He was quickly onto the front foot hitting the ball down the ground and took the score up to 33 before the watchful innings of Clarke came to an end adjudged lbw to Tansley.

The game ended in style when Alfie Bellworthy placed the ball over the pavilion for six to claim the first cheese of the season donated by Town Mill Cheesemonger and club sponsor Justin Tunstall.

Uplyme 2nd XI claimed 21 points whilst the 1st XI had to be content with 6pts for the cancelled game.

On Saturday the 1st XI are home to Babbacombe and the 2nd XI are away to Shobrook Park.

Net practice will take place from 5.30pm tonight (Wednesday) at the ground.

Any new members are welcome to come along and join the club.

◆ UPLYME & Lyme Regis Cricket club also run two junior sides playing in the West Dorset Junior Leagues.

The under 15s train on Mondays and have fixtures on Tuesdays whilst the under 13s train on Wednesdays from 4pm and have fixtures on Thursdays.

Bridport skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, May 12th:

Mens Gerry Nichol Final
Tuesday, May 13th
ILCHESTER: Lively Lads v Shipfaced or The Dingles.

Portman Cup Final
Tuesday, May 13th
BRIDPORT FC: Bulldogs (30/6) or Originals (26/2) v Denhay Farm or Bangers.

Altham Cup Final
Wednesday, May 14th
LORD NELSON: Mean Machine v Castouts.

◆ ***Presentation Night takes place on Friday May16th at Freshwater. Tickets on sale from the Lord Nelson £4.***

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	21	38
Shipfaced	22	34
Slingers	22	24
Broadoak	22	22
Masters	21	22
Rejects	21	22
Rockets	20	22
Denhay Farm	21	18
Smithys Boys	22	16
The Dingles	22	16
Rough Eight	22	16
Nelson Nobblers	22	6

Division B	Pld	Pts
Lively Lads	19	28
Outsiders	19	26
Dingbats	20	24
Gerryatrics	19	24
U Know the Blokes	18	22
Crazy Gang	20	20
Miss the Ball	20	18
NBC	18	14
7" Clock	20	13
Bangers	19	12
W.Dorset Panthers	20	12

Division C	Pld	Pts
Mean Machine	18	24
Originals	18	22
LHS	18	21
Aussies Lot	17	18
Bulldogs	18	18
Castouts	18	18
Strawpeedoes	18	18
AFAR	18	16
Swimming Club	18	14
Groundhogs	17	9

Division D	Pld	Pts
Unknowns	18	28
Pioneers	18	26
Countrymen	18	24
Survivors	18	22
Alcoholics	17	18
Let em Roll	17	16
Whisky Chasers	17	16
Featherbeds	18	14
Offcuts	18	6
Rob's Rebels	17	6

Highest individual league score: C.Dare (Lively Lads) 91.
Highest individual cup score: D.Smith (Lively Lads) 91.
Dunns Trophy Leaders — D.Cowburn (Nelson Nobblers), R. Gay (Mean Machine) & D.Gudge (Castouts), C.Oakes (Unknowns) and C.Willcox (Rejects) all 15pts, x5 players all 12pts.

Ladies Division	Pld	Pts
Brandy Snaps	14	24
Yo Yo's	14	24
Alleycats	14	18
Hidden Talent	14	16
Pinbashers	14	12
Bad Girls	12	8
No Problem	13	6
Tiger Lilies	14	2

Highest individual score: S.Yeatman (Brandy Snaps) 82.

Rose Bowl Leaders — P.Cornick, J.Greening (both Tiger Lillies), M.Hansford (Pinbashers), G.Legg (Brandy Snaps) and M.Paulley (Alleycats) all nine points.

Football extra

Johnson shines in first England triumph

CHARLOTTE Johnson was the toast of the dressing room recently after England won the Bob Docherty Trophy for the first time in their history.

The Sir John Colfox Year 11 pupil produced three stupendous saves in the penalty shoot-out that saw England go on to beat The Republic of Ireland in the final of what is essentially a version of the old British Home Championship that used to be played by the four UK countries senior mens teams.

Charlotte who plays centre back for the Dorset Under 15s girls earned her first England call-up in March against the Republic of Ireland before being selected for the Bob Docherty tournament at Repton School in Derbyshire last month.

After beating Wales 2-0 in the first game in which Johnson was not unduly overworked, she came to the fore in the second game against Scotland when with the game locked at 2-2 after 90 minutes penalties followed.

Having saved the second and the crucial fifth spot-kick which would have handed Scotland victory, she then saved the sixth and decisive one.

In the final it was fairly plain sailing again for England as they swept the Republic of Ireland aside to win 3-0.

Since then Johnson has played a fifth game for her country in the 1-1 draw with Scotland.

The 15-year-old, who is multi-talented in that she has achieved Grade 8 on the alto-sax which allows her to teach the instrument, started playing football at the age of five.

■ **FIRST OF MANY:** Charlotte Jackson receives her first England cap

Championship double for Beaminster school

BEAMINSTER School had reason for a double celebration when both Year 7 and Year 10 football teams won the South West Dorset Schools Football Championships.

Year 7: Beaminster 2 Budmouth 1

HAVING beaten Dorchester Middle School and Colfox School in the later stages, the Year 7 team played Budmouth School in the final at the Bob Lucas Stadium on Monday last week.

Beaminster took the lead when they were awarded a penalty when Lewis Keenan was fouled. Captain George Calverley stepped up to score from the spot,but straight from the kick-off Budmouth equalised to make it 1-1 at half-time.

Lewis Keenan neatly chipped the goalkeeper for what proved to be the winner.

James Wagstaff, Head of PE said: "This is the most talented team I have seen at Beaminster School and I'm really looking forward to more success in the years to come."

Squad: *Chandler Hallett, Ryan Leader, Cole Lowden, James Hill, Charlie Reeder, Isaac House, George Calverley, Morgan Napier, Lewis Keenan, Eddie Gale, Ronan Judd-English, Sean Williams, Lewis Hurry, Alex Park.*

Year 10: Beaminster 2 All Saints, Weymouth 1

IT was a case of third time lucky for the Year 10 team who had been runners-up twice before. Having beaten Thomas Hardye and Budmouth in the quarter and semi-finals they faced Weymouth's All Saints in the final.

The Weymouth-based Saints led 1-0 at half time. But Adam Harris headed home the equaliser to bring the score level as Beaminster took control.

A brilliant piece of individual skill from Solly Ayunga saw him beat three players before he was fouled in the penalty box. He got up and netted the spot kick to give Beaminster the victory.

Mr Wagstaff, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for such a small school competing against all the other schools in the area."

Squad: *Aiden Trocian, Adam Harris, Henry Bowditch, Gundy Suleyman, Andrew Woods, Tom Clapp, Solly Ayunga, Solo Roper, Joachim Wood, Josh Hull, William Trocian, Blu Welsh, Michael Hill, Sam Robinson, Kieran Park.*

Bridport RFC

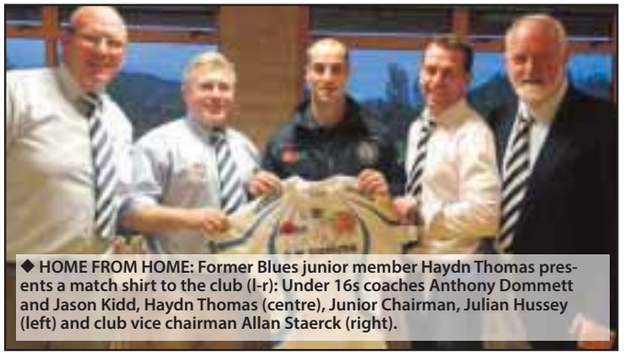
Chief guest at Juniors Blues celebrations

FORMER Bridport Junior player Haydn Thomas was the guest of honour when Bridport Rugby Club's section celebrated the season on Friday night with their Annual Presentation Evening. Thomas, who now plays for Exeter Chiefs and has also represented England presented every member with a trophy for playing during the season.

Each team also had a trophy presented to their most improved player and the coaches' player, along with each team voting for their players' player.

The players and guests then enjoyed a hog roast prepared by club caterer, Tracey Lavis of Bridport Hog Roasts, which rounded off another successful season.

Training for the juniors resumes in the summer with registration for the new season at the beginning of September.



◆ **HOME FROM HOME:** Former Blues junior member Haydn Thomas presents a match shirt to the club (l-r): Under 16s coaches Anthony Dommett and Jason Kidd, Haydn Thomas (centre), Junior Chairman, Julian Hussey (left) and club vice chairman Allan Staerck (right).

West Bay Sea Angling

Parkman secures Chesil championship

WITH easing winds and only a few scattered showers, the improving weather tempted 62 anglers to fish this year's Chesil Championships.

The fishing proved to be good for half the anglers with Bexington producing plenty of dogfish and a few smoothounds, whilst an 8lb small-eyed ray was caught from Cogden.

However after six hours of fishing it was Gus Parkman who claimed victory with 8750g of fish and top prize of £225 plus £150 pool and a rod. He was closely followed by Paul House who won £150 plus £90 pool, with a catch of 8240g with Terry Hartnell claiming third prize of £100 plus £60 pool.

Despite not winning the main prizes,three ladies battled it out for their £50 prize with Lynn Mudford winning with two dogfish, and from the four juniors competing, Connor Hallett took the best junior prize which won him a tackle voucher plus fishing reels

■ **TOP ANGLER:** Gus Parkman (2nd right) receives the Chesil prizes with (l-r) Chris Chappell (Seaton Angling Centre), Rod Barr (chair), and Nathan Cox (rodringsandthings).

There was £62 up for grabs for each of the heaviest round fish and flatfish pools which were won by L Downton with a 115g dab, and M Ayles' 3735g small eyed ray respectively.

The club would like to thank to the generous sponsorship this year from Chris Chappell of Seaton Angling Centre and Nathan Cox of www.rodringsandthings.co.uk; the prize table creaking with nearly £1000 in cash paid out, inclusive of pools.

Fishing prizes were also awarded down to 10th place with additional prizes for best lady and junior and the presentation ended with a good selection of prizes from the raffle table.

Thanks go to Style Tiles for putting up the ladies prize and the club would also like to extend their sincere gratitude to all at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park for the use of their excellent facilities.

Prize winners with results:

1st: G Parkman 8750g, 2nd: P House 8240g, 3rd: T Hartnell 6690g, Heaviest round pool: M.Ayles 3735 g small eyed ray, Heaviest flat pool: L. Downton 115 g dab, Best lady: Lynn Mudford, Best junior: Connor Hallett.

4th S Critchell 6170g; 5th R Preston 6130g; 6th R Cleal 5960 g; 7thP J Wheeler 5850 g; 8th B Stockley 5730g; 9th M Ayles 5660g; 10th B Bradstock 4875g: 11th A Cross 4225g; 12th J Brown 4160g: 13th S Fowles 3820g; 14th D Smith 3385g; 15th M Sparrow 3295g.

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A PLEASANT evening with a light westerly breeze had anglers hoping for some wrasse. All chose to fish to the right except Steve Fowles who went left; this proved to be the right move as when darkness fell he turned up plenty of dogfish.

1st S Fowles 4130g, 2nd M Wickenden 3045g, 3rd S Skinner 2175g, Heaviest fish: M.Wickenden dogfish 925g, Most species: P. House (3) dogfish, pouting, corkwing wrasse.

Bridport football

Bridport target title after taming Cougars

3rds safe following draw

Milborne Sports 1 Bridport Thirds 1

BOOSTED by first teamers Matt Morley and Shane Evans, Bridport 3rds made absolutely certain they would retain Dorset Division One status next season with a well earned point at Milborne Sports last week.

The Bees received a setback on 15 minutes when Ashley Walkey had to be taken to hospital with a broken wrist, but they took the lead midway through the first-half through Morley who seized on a defensive slip to run at goal - the tricky winger rounded the keeper and covering defenders in a mazy dribble to score.

Milborne deservedly equalised midway through the second-half following a spell of pressure on the Bees defence, but Bridport could have won the game. Evans headed over from a corner and Morley produced two enticing crosses but there was no one there to take advantage.

Weymouth Cougars 2 Bridport U17s 5

In the second of three play-off games to determine the winners of this year's U17s league, Bridport travelled to face a Weymouth side who, after last week's defeat to Sherborne, knew only a win could keep their hopes alive.

Bridport opened the scoring when Sam Tabner made contact with a Jonah Ayunga cross to give Bridport the lead. Inspired, they pressed on and their efforts were rewarded when Fred Warren calmly found the bottom corner. This two-goal cushion was short lived as Cougars reduced trhe arrears to 2-1at the interval.

Bridport extended their lead when Ayunga cut inside and smashed ed the ball into the back of the net.

Cougars failed to respond and within five minutes Bridport had scored again as Ayunga slipped the ball to Olly Woodcock who netted to make it 4-1.

Cougars fought back and broke Bridport's otherwise solid, defensive line to narrow the gap only for Tabner to pick out Ayunga who delicately dinked it over the keeper.

Manager Terry Warren said: "This was definitely one of our best games. The boys worked hard and stuck to the game plan; I'm really proud of them. Weymouth are a good team but we were unlucky not to put another four or five past them."

This victory means that Bridport's game on Sunday against Sherborne at Bridport's St Mary's Field will act as a cup final for the league; a large crowd would be appreciated.

■ **ALMOST THERE:** Bridport under 17s pictured after their 5-2 win over Weymouth Cougars.

Football tables

Toolstation Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Larkhall Athletic	40	81	107
Bristol Manor Farm	40	72	86
Gillingham Town	40	40	76
Odd Down	40	31	74
Street	40	10	68
Bitton	40	17	65
Melksham Town	40	7	65
Willand Rovers	40	6	60
Sherborne Town	40	4	59
Brislington	40	2	59
Buckland Athletic	40	21	58
BRIDPORT	***40***	***-3***	***53***
Cadbury Heath	40	-3	50
Longwell Green	40	-17	47
Hallen	40	-20	44
Slimbridge	40	-17	43
Winterbourne Utd*	40	-27	42
Ilfracombe Town	40	-46	33
Bishop Sutton	40	-45	32
Radstock Town*	40	-59	31
Hengrove Athletic	40	-54	28

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
PORTLAND UNITED	***31***	***57***	***68***
WEYMOUTH RES	***32***	***38***	***64***
Merley Cobham	31	40	62
Hamworthy Rec	30	56	55
Mere Town	32	19	49
Wareham Rangers	31	10	47
Swanage & Herston*	32	2	47
BRIDPORT RES	***32***	***12***	***43***
Blandford United	32	-21	40
Sherborne Town Res	31	-12	37
Holt United	32	-18	37
Parley Sports	32	-20	37
Shaftesbury Town*	32	-20	37
Tintinhull	30	-5	36
Cranborne	31	-37	34
Poole Borough	31	-41	25
Hamworthy Utd Res*	32	-60	16

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Westland Sports	25	65	66
Sturm Marshall	23	37	55
Chickerell Utd	24	23	50
Corfe Mullen Utd	24	23	43
Upwey & Broadwey	22	23	42
Gillingham Res	24	12	41
Portland Utd Res	23	20	35
Witchampton Utd	22	-5	29
South Cheriton	26	-23	29
Blandford Utd Res	24	-13	26
Piddlehinton Utd	26	-24	25
Sturm Newton Utd	23	-10	17
Kingston Lacy	25	-61	12
Okeford Utd	25	-67	7

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	24	28	58
Dorchester Sports	23	26	45
Wincanton Town Res	20	35	42
Kangaroos	22	23	40
Milborne Sports	22	28	39
Weymouth Spartans	23	0	39
Poundbury Rovers	24	14	36
Poole Borough Res*	21	5	29
AFC Cobham	24	-26	25
Bridport 3rds	23	-26	17
Swanage & Herst Res	21	-32	17
Bere Regis	24	-42	16
Stourpaine*	23	-33	10

Dorset Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lytchett RT	23	78	61
Shaftesbury Town Res	23	30	51
Portesham Utd	22	9	44
Redlands FC	24	13	43
Parley Sports Res	25	22	42
Portland Town	26	17	39
Chickerell Utd Res	26	-2	36
Corfe Castle	26	5	35
Wyke Regis SC	22	2	33
Wareham Rangers Res	22	-5	27
Gillingham Town A*	24	-29	19
Piddlehinton Utd	26	-34	18
Ship Inn, Wool	25	-46	18
Sturm Newton Res	24	-60	14

Dorset Division 3	Pld	GD	Pts
AFC Blandford	19	30	49
Broadstone	20	52	41
Stickland Utd*	20	40	37
Mere Town Res	20	30	35
Henstridge Utd	20	7	34
Stalbridge	20	-17	26
Handley Sports	19	-8	23
Maiden Newton & C	18	5	22
Portland Town Res	20	-44	16
Sturm Marshall Res	20	-36	14
Donhead Utd	20	-59	6

Dorset Division 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	21	42	50
Milborne Sports Res	21	31	48
Weymouth Spart Res	21	13	38
AFC Cobham Res	21	6	34
Owermoigne	21	6	31
Portland Town A	22	-18	29
UFC Poundbury	21	-8	27
Pimperne SS	22	1	25
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	22	-21	22
Kangaroos Res	21	-24	20
South Cheriton Res	21	-16	17
Cranborne Res*	22	-12	16

Dorset Division 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	18	35	42
Broadstone Res	18	29	39
Lytchett RT Youth	17	45	34
Corfe Castle Res	18	2	28
Handley Sports Res	17	9	23
Marnhull*	18	8	20
Portland Town B	18	-36	20
Wool & Winfrith	18	-13	18
Piddletrenthide Res*	17	-44	11
Okeford Utd Res*	17	-35	8

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Bantams target memorable league and cup double

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LYME Regis Bantams were crowned as the Perry Street & District League Division Three champions for the first time in the team's history on Saturday without actually kicking a ball.

The Seasiders' third-string have completed their league fixtures but finished in top spot after rivals Drimpton failed to clinch the win at Hawkchurch United which would have wrestled the silverware from Lyme's grasp.

The championship marks a fine first season in management for Darren Poole and Mark Hodder - the team's joint player-managers – who could see their charges lift another trophy on Friday evening when they take on Forton Rangers Reserves at Perry Street in the final of the Daisy Hutchings cup (6.15pm ko).

The Bantams will be favourites against Division Four outfit Forton Rangers Reserves but will be taking nothing for granted as they bid to become only the second Lyme team to get their hands on the trophy since the Reserves' victory back in 1998-99 when a Ronnie Reed OG clinched a 1-0 win over old foes Axminster Reserves at Merriott.

Lyme Regis, now with only runners-up spot in the Premier Division to fight for following their imminent eight-point deduction, were held to a 1-1 draw at the Davey Fort which ultimately relegated opponents Millwey Rise.

◆ Seasiders officials were surprised to learn from league vice-chairman Tony Turner on his visit to the Fort on Saturday that the PSDL committee had yet to formally discuss the eight-point deduction which they were informed about by league secretary Bob Brunt more than a week ago.

Meanwhile, UPLYME were left frustrated when scheduled opponents Beaminster Reserves once again failed to show and look likely to be docked three points.

Uplyme Reserves' tough season is almost at an end. Harry Robson, Niall Fifer and Steve Prendeville scored the goals in an 8-3 drubbing at the hands of visiting Thorncombe Reserves.

The week ahead
(*midweek games all 6.15ko*):
Last night: Lyme v Beaminster (Premier),
Tonight: Uplyme v Beaminster Res (Division One).
Thursday: Misterton v Lyme Regis.
Friday: Forton Rangers Res v Lyme Regis Bantams (Daisy Hutchings cup final – at Perry Street).
Saturday: Lyme Egis v Combe Res (Premier – 2pm), Lyme Regis Reserves v Uplyme (Division One - 4.15pm), Uplyme Res v Hinton (Division Four).

◆ THE Lyme Regis under 16 completed their magnificent double-winning season in fine style as they came from behind to beat Broadstone 4-2 in the sunshine at the Davey Fort.

◆ **UNBEATEN:** Lyme Regis under16s, pictured with their coaches and officials, completed their double winning season in fine style on Sunday coming from behind to beat Broadstone 4-2.
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

The young Seasiders trailed 2-0 with five minutes remaining but stormed to victory with goals from Jon-Paul Avery (2), Matt Watson and a stunning free-kick from Rhys Hayter.

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